

Our War Propaganda

By NORMAN THOMAS

The editor has asked me to set down in writing what are really notes for an article rather than a complete essay, yet the subject is so important and time is so pressing that these tentative notes are worth the very serious attention of all those who want to keep America out of a war which by no possibility can solve for us or for mankind the evils at which idealists will say that it is directed.

—The Author.

THOSE of us who lived through the first World War and can remember the propaganda which preceded our entrance must be impressed by the parallels which appear today. There is already the same curious combination of genuine idealism and frantic search for trade, no matter with whom, which preceded our entrance into the first World War. As for the propaganda build-up, one only has to substitute Hitler for the Kaiser to make a great many of the speeches and articles of the years 1916 and '17 fit the present occasion. There is, of necessity, a large school of those with some memories of the first World War, who vehemently insist that "this time it is different." That, again, is a repetition of history. It is always different! The next war is always the exceptional war.

I grant that there are differences between the present situation and the situation in 1917. Hitler's rule is worse than the Kaiser's. But we can never afford to let it be forgotten that the result of a war which was completely successful in a military sense, was, by the admission of the advocates of a new war, a worse world with worse dictatorships. Shall we destroy Hitler that a worse than Hitler may arise?

Making Swift Gains

In the last few months, or even weeks, war propaganda in America has made amazing progress along many lines, all of them more or less familiar to those with keen memories for 1917. Let me list some of the inconsistent arguments which in recent weeks I have been hearing:

1. The argument for the virtual omnipotence of Hitler and his associated dictators. Thus, I argued recently over the radio with a university professor who based his case for a great program of rearmament on the fact that if and when Hitler should conquer Denmark, he would get with that conquest bases which could be used against the United States. Others argue that Hitler and Mussolini will go to Africa, thence to South America where they will subsidize a revolution,—say in Venezuela—; use Venezuela as a base to go to Mexico; use some place in Mexico as a base against the Middle West. This type of argument shows a certain degree of imagination and possibly of sophistication greater than the old arguments about secret German concrete emplacements for machine guns along the Hudson River, but it's the same sort of stuff. By some miracle, the German tyrant can do far more than Napoleon ever did!

2. In complete logical contradiction with this attribution of omnipotence to Hitler and other dictators is the argument advanced by some of the same people that Hitler can easily be bluffed out of war, or that if war should come, it will be, at least for the United States, a pretty simple affair. These people, of course, believe that Munich was nothing but an unnecessary, inept, or wicked "betrayal of

democracy" by Chamberlain. I happen to believe the Munich Pact was very bad. It could have been avoided times without number between 1919 and 1938, but it seems to me very dangerous to believe that at the very last moment Hitler—whose fanaticism verges on paranoia and who is singularly well equipped with airplanes, could have been safely bluffed. No degree of preparation by the United States will automatically stop the dictators regardless of other considerations. As Major Eliot has pointed out, hardly any degree of feasible preparedness would make the United States a factor in European war in the first months when the dictators would count on winning.

Assuming that the war settled down into a long struggle, unquestionably America would count, but here I want to discuss an extraordinary fallacy; namely, the belief that all the United States would have to do in another war would be to keep the seas open and send to Europe some aviators and lots of supplies. This position was taken recently, in my hearing, by a responsible and well informed labor leader. I remember when an important member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee told me the same thing in 1917. It would be as false in the next war as in the last. Any long continued war, in which the United States might engage, would be a World War and after enormous difficulties, this country would probably succeed in landing a large number of troops, not only in Europe but even in Asia. To expect anything else is extraordinarily dangerous optimism. It is to ignore the meaning of totalitarian war.

Easy, Orderly War?

The same people who expect that the war will be easy for the United States, expect that it will be orderly. They think that pretty soon the totalitarian states will crack, and that the triumphant democracies will make a decent peace. I also think that under war strains the fascist dictatorships will crack, but it is likely to be a part of a blow-up of the whole social order. In any long continued war, there would be revolts at least in the Arab parts of the French Empire, and probably in India and in Ireland, about as soon as in Germany. No one can tell what civilian population would crack the soonest under air raids. As for myself, I have long since passed the time when I believe that any crack-up of what we have will inevitably lead to something new and better. It may lead to something worse. Certainly I see no reason whatever for thinking that even if the so-called democracies win a comparatively easy victory, they will make a better peace than the peace at Versailles. Nothing in the history of their relations to Spain or other countries warrants such hope.

3. The third assumption which is being consciously or subconsciously being pushed by the propagandists is that American democracy would be little affected by war. Whereas a few months ago no one in forums and elsewhere challenged my statement that new war would mean an American military fascism for an indefinite period, now I am frequently told that while war may temporarily

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demption which may yet save the world from destruction. Her only commission is to witness in words and deeds to Christ's way which is the way of the Cross. Refusal at whatever cost to abandon its ministry of reconciliation is itself a deed of constructive witness to the gospel.

Today no greater challenge to the way of the Cross lies before the church than in her relations with the State. Centuries of effort to build civilization on a secular basis and feverish policies of armament and empire have brought the state today to the place where increasingly it is claiming absolute power. To unify and prepare itself for war it attempts to assume control not only of the bodies, but also of the consciences of men. The church cannot tolerate having the state become an authority in the moral realm. Under no circumstances can it grant to the State the right to claim from Christians the supreme loyalty which belongs only to God. Being concerned with eternal values the church must challenge the temporal concerns of the state and stand in judgment upon it whenever it violates, or commands Christians who may be its citizens to violate, the love of God or the brotherhood of man. This already has come to mean persecution, and it will yet involve even more, but the church has no more right to expect exemption from suffering than her Lord.

The church will discover new truth and fresh power through the obedience of the individual church member to his Lord. The way of Christ is always open and the need for a living witness in faith was never greater than today. The Christian is never shut up to a situation in which he has no choice but to do wrong. Wars come, but Chris-

tians need not take part in them and thus on command of the State commit sin against their primary allegiance to God. On the other hand the inescapable pervasiveness and imminence of war offers opportunity for witness to the way of love on such a scale that through God's grace incalculable influences for peace may even now be loosed by courageous and faithful loyalty at whatever cost.

We stand at a crisis in history where the most solemn responsibility rests upon each Christian and upon the Christian church. In such an hour we call upon the church to trust God and to resist evil only with good, repudiating utterly all war and repenting prayerfully of all ways of life which lead to war, accepting the full cost and responsibility of the Cross. If this involves persecution by the Caesars of our day, we call upon the Church to enter into deeper fellowship with that Church which refused to serve in Caesar's armies, and to invite into its unbreakable spiritual community the men and women of all lands who pray night and day for peace. In contrition and deep faith, we reaffirm our undivided loyalty to the universal God of love and to the Church of Him who refused to be Caesar or to overcome Caesar with Caesar's weapons. We proclaim to a world which is once again madly preparing for war that the gospel of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, which leaves us with no other choice but to refuse to sanction or participate in war, contains also its hope of redemption. We declare our conviction that the mission of the church today is to witness with singleness of heart at whatever cost to the power of good to overcome evil, of love to conquer hatred, of the Cross to shatter the sword.

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Affirmation of Christian Pacifist Faith

What direction can be found in the Gospel for the Christian and the Church today when they are faced once more with the prospect of imminent war? The following statement is an attempt to formulate the answer given by Christian pacifist faith. It was drawn up by the original group brought together in New York by the Ministers' Peace Covenant. As it appears here it is the result of a long process of discussion and careful revision. Its sponsors hope it will serve as a medium which will strengthen Christian faith in the power of good as found in the Cross to overcome evil as represented in war. To enlarge this Christian witness, they invite you to add your name to the "First 100" signers at the end of this article by writing Allan Knight Chalmers, 2929 Broadway, New York.

WE believe that God is the Father of all mankind, that His will as revealed in Jesus Christ is universal love, and that Christ's gospel involves the faith that evil can be overcome only with good.

We believe that in the Cross is revealed God's way of dealing with wrongdoers, and that to this way all Christians are called.

We believe that war, which attempts to overcome evil with more evil, is a denial of the way of the Cross.

We believe that the Church is called to the way of the Cross.

We believe that when the state in the prosecution of war seeks to compel the denial of the gospel, the Church must resist at whatever cost.

We believe that God leads his church into new life through obedience of the individual believer in refusing war for Christ's sake.

Therefore we proclaim to a world which is once again madly preparing for war that the gospel of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, which leaves us with no other choice but to refuse to sanction or participate in war, contains also its hope of redemption. We affirm our faith that the mission of the church today is to witness with singleness of heart, at whatever cost, to the power of good to overcome evil, of love to conquer hatred, of the Cross to shatter the sword.

(The seven paragraphs above are a brief summary of the important statement which follows. Together these pages present an Affirmation of Faith which we invite all whose convictions are here expressed to sign.)

As believers in the gospel of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, we hold that good is the only force which can overcome evil. Therefore we are pacifists, for the pacifist is one who in the face of hatred and war puts to the test of action the faith that the nature of God as universal love makes certain that evil must yield to good. War, whether aggressive or defensive, whether waged for a "just" or an "unjust" cause, attempts to overcome evil with more evil. We identify ourselves with the judgment uttered by the Oxford World Conference of Churches, "War involves compulsory enmity, diabolical outrage against human personality, and a wanton distortion of the truth. War is a particular demonstration of the power of sin in this world, and a defiance of the righteousness of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and him crucified." It is therefore for us as followers of Jesus Christ morally and spiritually impossible. This conviction does not originate in any political situation. It does not emerge out of any doctrinaire opinion that force is always wrong. It is not caused by a sentimental horror of bloodshed. It is simply our conviction that the gospel of Jesus Christ involves commitment to the faith that evil can only be overcome with good. If we are mistaken in this we have misunderstood the gospel.

This conviction arises from the Cross, where we see God's way of dealing with wrongdoers. In the face of violence, Jesus Christ turned away from retaliation and violent resistance. Life and property were secondary values to Him. The primary question was for Him and must be for us, How can the evil man be redeemed and brought into a just and friendly relationship to God and man? This redemptive purpose involved the choice of the Cross. Sacrificing not only His personal safety but that of His friends and even of His cause, He won for them all immortality. Non-violent, forgiving love alone reconciles man to God and man to man. For us as well as for Jesus, to choose this way requires that we must also choose to accept whatever suffering it involves. Therefore we believe that all Christians are called to live the way of the Cross today.

War and preparations for war constitute a denial of the way of the Cross for they attempt to overcome evil with more evil. We cannot believe that the Christian, whose every act must accord with his supreme loyalty to the God of love, can ever in the name of Christ drop bombs on helpless women and children, which is a characteristic act of modern war, or on any of his brothers, whether soldiers or civilians. Since the method of war does not vary in accordance with its purpose, whether defensive or otherwise, we cannot believe that any kind of war is truly redemptive. The tragic dilemmas which confront humanity today because nations still trust the way of selfishness and war cannot be resolved by pointing at others as guilty, or by attempting to visit judgment upon the transgressors. We have all sinned and come short of the destiny to which God has called us. The Cross convicts us of our own guilt and demands that we make restitution even to the point where we penitently bear suffering for our own and our brothers' sins. Only thus, we believe, can the vicious circle of war leading to more war be broken and a permanently peaceful international order be established. If the suffering love of the Cross is not for us the concrete and living alternative to the infliction of suffering in hatred on others in war, if it does not today constitute for us the basis for a lively hope of overcoming war, then it seems to us that we have rejected Christ not only as a moral guide for humanity but also as the Saviour of the world.

We believe that the church as well as the Christian is called to the way of the Cross. It is the body of Christ and is created by His spirit to carry on his redemptive work. The church belongs to Christ and is not dependent on any other power. False concern for institutional welfare sometimes makes the church forget that her sole guide is the life and teachings of her Master. The imminence of the universal death, destruction and hatred of world-wide war, however, requires that the church repent and set her house in order for a day of great trial and the privilege of participating in cosmic processes of re-

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proceed to exhibit in your conduct that higher form of courage which is the hall-mark of true non-violence and which your Chinese friends will not fail to detect and recognize as such. You will not wish success to Japanese arms because you 'love' the Japanese. At the same time you will not pray for the success of Chinese arms.

It is very difficult to judge, when both sides are employing weapons of violence, which side 'deserves' to succeed. You will therefore pray only that the right should prevail. Whilst you will keep yourself aloof from all violence you will not shirk danger. You will serve friend and foe alike with a reckless disregard for your life. You will rush forth if there is an outbreak of an epidemic or a fire to be combated and distinguish yourself by your surpassing courage and non-violent heroism. But you will refuse to call the curses of heaven upon the Japanese. If by chance some Japanese soldiers or airmen fall into the hands of the Chinese and are in danger of being lynched by an infuriated Chinese mob or otherwise ill-treated, you will plead for them with your own people and if necessary even protect them with your life.

Wrath Vitiates Love

You know the story of Emily Hobhouse. Though an Englishwoman, she courageously went to the Boer concentration camps. She exhorted the Boers never to lose heart, and it is said that if she had not steeled the hearts of the Boer women as she did, the war might have taken a different turn. She was full of wrath against her own people for whom she had not a good word to say. You would not copy her unmeasured wrath which somewhat vitiated her non-violence, but you will copy her love for the 'enemy' that made her denounce the misdeeds of her own countrymen. Your example will affect the Chinese and might even shame some Japanese who will become bearers of your message among the Japanese.

"A very slow process, you will perhaps say. Yes, possibly, under the existing adverse circumstances to begin with. But it will gather momentum and speed in an incalculable manner as you proceed. I am an irrepressible optimist. My optimism rests on my belief in the infinite possibilities of the individual to develop non-violence. The more you develop it in your own being, the more infectious it becomes till it overwhelms your surroundings and by and by might oversweep the world."

"I, a believer in non-violence, often find that I am actuated by mixed motives. So does a war general have mixed motives. Is it not possible to fight, with love for the enemy in one's heart? May we not shoot out of love?"

Gandhiji: "We do often have mixed motives. But that would not be non-violence. There can be degrees in violence, not in non-violence. The constant effort of the votary of non-violence is to purge himself of hatred towards the so-called enemy. There is no such thing as shooting out of love in the way you suggest."

The last to place before Gandhiji his problem was Mr. P. C. Hsu. He had been writing since 1930 to meet Gandhiji. He had graduated in the same year in which Japan presented its twenty-one demands to China. He was at that time a bitter nationalist. After three years of contact with the work of the Fellowship of Reconciliation among the students, he changed his views and began to

make a distinction between the Japanese people and the Japanese military machine. He became a believer in an international lining up of liberal elements. "I can say honestly," he told Gandhiji, "I have no feeling of hatred towards the Japanese people but I feel their military system is an evil. I used to think that all that was needed to end it was education in truth. I had hoped that at Madras, at any rate, an international link between the two countries on the basis of mutual goodwill and peace would be forged. But I was disillusioned. I found that very little could be achieved immediately." He had tried too to establish peace groups as an agency for carrying on the peace work, but found that confronted by a crisis they were reduced to impotence and could offer little effective check. "Our difficulty is this," he concluded. "While sincerely believing in non-violence, we have not found a way of making it effective."

"Should that present a difficulty?" exclaimed Gandhiji. "A person who realizes a particular evil of his time and finds it overwhelms him, dives deep in his own heart for inspiration, and when he gets it, he presents it to others. Meetings and group organizations are all right. They are of some help, but very little. They are like the scaffolding that an architect erects—a temporary and makeshift expedient. The thing that really matters is an invincible faith that cannot be quenched."

Faith Can Be Developed

"Faith can be developed. Only, the way it can be developed and in which it works differs from that in the case of violence. You cannot develop violence through prayer. Faith, on the other hand, cannot be developed except through prayer."

"Non-violence succeeds only when we have a living faith in God. Buddha, Jesus, Mohammed—they were all warriors of peace in their own style. We have to enrich the heritage left by these world teachers. God has His own wonderful way of executing His plans and choosing His instruments. The Prophet and Abu Bakr trapped in a cave were saved from their persecutors by a spider which had woven its web across the mouth of that cave. All the world teachers, you should know, began with a zero!"

Gandhiji's interlocutor seemed to be satisfied. But he had another doubt. "Whilst we have isolated individuals who have the mind of Jesus," he observed to Gandhiji, "because they are not united, not organized, theirs remains a mere cry in the wilderness. The question that arises in my mind is: Can love be organized? and if so, how?"

Gandhiji: "Organization in the orthodox sense may not be possible. But there is no bar to united non-violent action. I am trying to show by a series of experiments that it is possible. It has its own technique."

"If China wins the war," finally asked the friend, "will she be worse off or better off for her victory?"

"If China wins," replied Gandhiji, "and copies Japanese methods, she will beat Japan hollow at her own game. But the victory of China will not mean a new hope for the world. For China will then be a multiple edition of Japan. But whether China wins or goes down, your line of action is clear. If China is defeated on the battlefield, your non-violence will remain undaunted and will have done its work. If China wins, you will go to the gallows in the attempt to wean China from copying Japan's methods."

March 2, 1939

Dear Kirby,

I am sending you a copy of a little book I have written on "A Christian Amid Clashing Authorities."

It seems so long to Marie and me since we have seen you. I guess that that is what comes from getting off the beaten highways of the country.

What days these are! Sickening + discouraging - and yet thrilling ones in which to live and struggle.

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I am a boy, age eighteen a senior in High School, in our History class at school the other day, March 1, we had a discussion on war. I have read several of your books on the subject and other subjects and feel you are able to give me the information I would like on one thing we disagreed on.

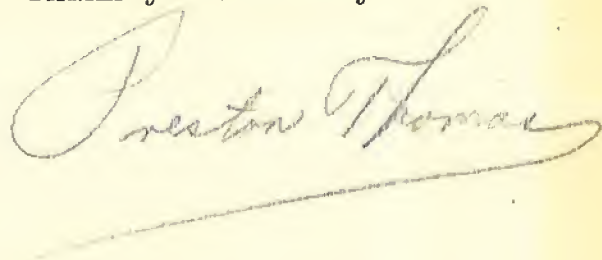
The subject I would appreciate is, "Whether The United States is able to isolate its self from the rest of the World". My History teacher says it can and I contend that it cant. I would surly like to have an answer from you on the matter if you would send it or tell me where I could get some information on it.

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11.30 A. M.—Forum Session:

Leader: ORTON S. CLARK

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12.30 P. M.—Luncheon

Afternoon Program

1.30 P. M.—Panel Discussion:

1. Is the Boycott an Alternative or a Prelude to War?
2. Should America Distinguish between "Aggressor" and "Victim" Nations?

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3.00 P. M.—Round Tables:

"Our Responsibility As . . .

Teachers"—Dr. Jesse Holmes, Leader

Religious Workers"—Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, Leader

Youth"—Rev. A. Herbert Haslam, Leader

Community Leaders"—Mildred Scott Olmsted, Leader

4.15 P. M.—Closing Session

Reports from Round Table Leaders

Summary: Dr. Roswell P. Barnes

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5.00 P. M.—Adjournment

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Dear Kirby:

I wonder if you would stop at the office and talk to me some day when you are in New York. It would be helpful to us to arrange some kind of regular payments on the account which seems to be climbing slowly but steadily. You may have some ideas which you could write to me if it is inconvenient for you to come in. It would be nice to see you if you are not too busy.

Sincerely,

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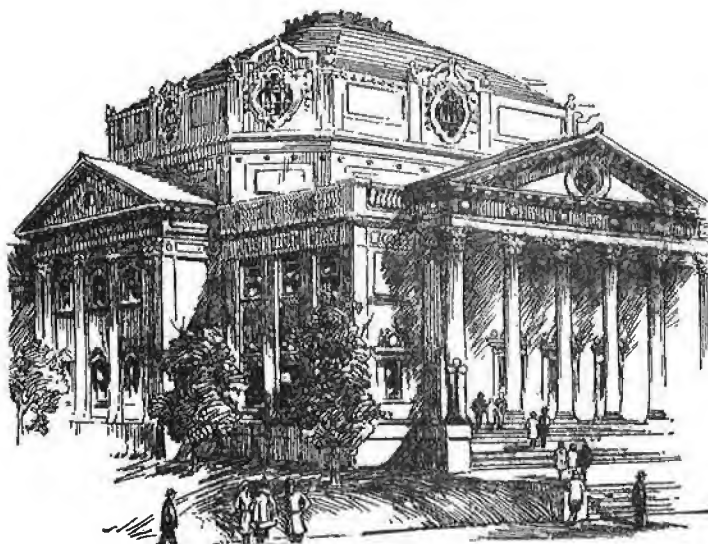
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1939



TODAY

Today, as I come to worship, may there be, deep in my soul, such an assurance of God that every fear and doubt and disturbing thought may be left behind. May there be such a conviction of the primacy of the rights of my soul that I shall delight to open my life to Him in worship. May there be such a love for my church, as the divinely appointed institution of God, that this day will find a new commitment of my life to its work, and may my coming here fit me to find and to honor and to do my task in the name of Christ the Lord.

Services for Sunday, March 5, 1939

Morning Worship—11:00 O'Clock

SILENT PRAYER 10:57

PRELUDE—Cantilene"Shelley

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 5

The congregation will please rise as choir enters and
join in last stanza.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 407—"God the All-Merciful!"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

QUARTETTE—"Jesus, Saviour pilot me"Gould
Mrs. Zurschmiede, Mrs. Gonzenbach,
Mr. Bond and Mr. Holmes.

PRAYER —Congregation seated.

PRAYER RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY—"Hark, hark, my soul"Shelley

SERMONDr. John H. Booth

INVITATION HYMN No. 149—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

COMMUNION HYMN No. 141—"Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow"

THE LORD'S SUPPER—All followers of Christ, of whatever church,
are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

QUIET PLEASE!

The first note of the organ is the call to worship. Those in the congregation are requested to remember this. Conversations not only disturb other worshipers but affect the entire service. An attitude of prayer from the moment of the call to worship will make a positive contribution to a beautiful and helpful service.

MARCH MEETING WOMAN'S COUNCIL

"Fragrant Fragments" is the title of a World Call play which will be featured Tuesday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Woman's Council. The players are: Mrs. C. H. Gernert, Mrs. Delbert C. Hart, Mrs. W. F. Coslow, Mrs. Stanley Arthur, Mrs. Frank Lewis, Miss Louise Funk, Charles Browning and Lucian Johnson. Supporting this program are the World Call chairmen of all the Circles of which Mrs. Stanley Arthur is Superintendent. Devotional leader for this meeting is Mrs. Murray Phillips. Everyone is invited. Council members urged to be present, two-thirty o'clock is the time. The assembly room at the Church is the place. Come!

OUR GUEST

We are very happy to have as our guest speaker, today, John H. Booth, of Indianapolis, one of our best known leaders of the Disciples of Christ and whose message we will hear with the greatest satisfaction.

THE MONTH OF MARCH

During these weeks we move through what is probably the most significant period of the Church year. Every member of the Church can help to build a larger attendance in the Church School, can find and seek to win some recruit for Christ, can attend every Communion Service of the month, can seek to exalt Christ and His Church in the lives of others and can enter into the purpose and the passion of Christ for the salvation of all mankind. Parents, particularly, are asked to cooperate in helping our young people to be constant in their activity in the Church.

SERVING DURING MARCH

The following Deacons have been assigned to serve during the month of March: George B. Hutchison, Scoggan Jones, Norman K. Durham, J. B. Lewis, Frank Lewis, Harry W. Goodman, George F. Brockman, S. M. Russell, Ben H. Hollis, A. Lee Marcum, Read Howard, S. L. Hikes, Sherman S. Gaines, E. T. Lawrence and E. W. Stokes. The Elder in charge of the Communion today is Frank D. Rash. The Ushers are Theodore W. Bates, Homer C. Carrier, Kennett Hikes, D. P. Vandivier, Emory Johnson and Bryan Curtis. Officers serving in the vestibule during March: Smith T. Bailey, Read Howard, G. H. Schroader and Richard W. Hardesty.

MINISTER'S CLASS

The Minister's Class in Training for Discipleship will open on the fourth Sunday in March and continue through Easter Sunday. Young people from eight to thirteen years of age are eligible for this group. The Class will meet in the Minister's Study each Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Teachers of the Church School and parents of all these children are requested to help make this year's Class the most helpful we have ever had.

AUDUBON CHORUS

The Audubon Chorus, directed by Florence Montz, will give a Secular Concert Thursday evening, March 9th, at 8:15, at the Crescent Hill Methodist Church, Peterson and Payne Streets. The proceeds of this Concert will be used by the White Cross Society of the Deaconess Hospital. The public is invited.

VESPER SERVICE

The young people of the Church will meet for their recreation hour at 5:30 today, for supper at 6:30 and for the Vesper Service at 7:00 o'clock. A motion picture film on the subject of "Youth and the Liquor Problem" with a discussion led by Easiland Potter.

FLOWERS

The beautiful memorial flowers today are the gracious gift of Mrs. W. B. Carter and daughters, Mrs. Stanley H. Arthur and Mrs. Albion Cornwall, in devoted memory of loved ones who have gone, Brother W. B. Carter and Slaughter Carter.

RADIO SERVICE

Radio Service next Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock over WAVE. Rev. Robert N. Simpson will be guest speaker. Members of the congregation are asked to advise the sick and the shut-ins of this service.

SEWING

Sewing day of the Woman's Council is on Tuesday. The activities will begin at 10:00 o'clock, with luncheon at noon, and will continue during the afternoon.

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March 6, 1939.

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

We are all greatly pleased that you can be our speaker at the Nebraska State S. C. M. Conference at Wayne, March 17-19. I, for one, am looking forward eagerly to your visit.

As at present planned we are asking you for three addresses, one Saturday morning, one Saturday afternoon and one Sunday morning. Each of these addresses is to be followed by a period for questions and discussion. A brief opening talk on Friday eve has been suggested partly to assure getting our delegates there that evening, but this has not been decided upon as yet.

For the Saturday morning address we suggest stressing the unique place and function of the Student Christian Association on the campus. Here we have in mind the tendency for the "Y" (male or female) to become "just another organization concerned in building up membership, attendance and prestige for itself. We need to see it as a vital, Christian fellowship, the leaven in the campus lump.

After this address and subsequent discussion comes a work session when we will divide into groups under adult leadership, all groups discussing the same set of topics. These have to do with matters of leadership including choice of officers and cabinet, selection and training of committee members, basis and significance of association membership, the responsibilities of officers and cabinet, relationship of president to cabinet and of cabinet member to his committee. We hope the preceding hour will help us to view these matters in relationship to our fundamental objectives, not as merely technical affairs.

Then in your afternoon address we should like to have you present a number of areas in which we can give expression to our basic Christian purpose. This will lead up naturally to the afternoon work session for which the conference will divide into groups to discuss various program emphases such as War and Peace, Economic Problems, Reinterpretation of Religion, and Personal Relations.

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For the third address Sunday morning we suggest the theme, "Resources for Personal Religious Living". This would be followed as the others by a period for questions and discussion but after that we would want you to tie up loose ends with a closing statement that would mark the end of the conference.

The conference will close at 10:30 so that those who wish may attend church. The local campus committee at Wayne has made tentative arrangements looking toward your occupying the pulpit in a Wayne church for morning service. Do you approve?

I wrote you briefly by air mail at La Habra regarding schedule for you for March 16 and March 20 and discovered later that you were to be in Colorado about this time. No doubt that letter will now have reached you and your reply will tell me where to address this.

Cordially,

C.D. Hayes

*in how to send Thompson
"C.D. Hayes"*

we are scheduling you at Grand Island the eve of Thursday the 16th, possibly at York at noon that day, auspices of the Nebraska Peace Carnival successor to the Lincoln Peace Carnival. Leon Thompson, Secy of the Carnival, whom you will remember from your past visits is driving to York that morning for an all day organization building program. He hopes to use you there at noon send you on to G.D. for the evening. Expects to have you brought back to York after your G.D. meeting to return to Lincoln under him that night - also have you taken to Hastings 25 m. from G. Id. to catch the Express into Lincoln. Arranging a community prayer service herein Sunday Friday noon, leaving for Wayne by auto about 2 P.M.

C.D.

EDWIN M. WILSON
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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 6th, 1939.

Dear Dr. Page:

I refer to the brief conversation I had with you in the Christian Association Building, with Messrs. Hart and Scholl last Saturday morning. It was impossible to state in a few sentences the position Dr. Judd outlined in an address nearly an hour long. Allowing for a reporter's interest in the discussion of foreign trade, which was really a small part of Dr. Judd's address, the account I enclose is accurate. While it is true that Dr. Judd sharply condemns the Japanese method of waging a war it would be difficult for anyone who heard the address to say that Dr. Judd is bitter. He advised that in no circumstances should we go to war with Japan; that no one could wish to see Japan bleeding and prostrate at the end of a war, but strong and able to do her share in the comity of nations. He said precisely what is reported about the boycott, but very little more; put particular stress upon ~~the~~ holding of war materials, saying that Japan could never maintain her 800-mile line of communications without American trucks; that she could not wage a war successfully against the Chinese or anyone else without the trucks, high-test gasoline, airplanes, scrap iron, etc., with which we are supplying her.

I properly characterize as parochial the idea that Dr. Judd favors starving the Japanese. They are spending far more for the war each year than the amount of our trade with them. Their people would be better fed if

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the money they are spending for war were used for food. Dr. Judd deserves a thoughtful hearing and a consideration of his total position rather than a judgment on any single item of that position.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Kirby Page,
National Council for
Prevention of War,
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Kirby Page,
 Box 247,
 La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby Page,

We are still talking about your visit in Jackson. You gave the girls plenty to think about, and they liked you and what you said very much. In Jackson and in Lakeland, Florida, we all agree with Verbon Gay who wrote "as usual Mr. Page made one of the best presentations that we have had in New Orleans since his last visit".

I've wanted to write to express my appreciation, and have wished that I had gotten your addresses along the route of your itinerary. I've decided that I had just as well stop wishing that and hurry and get one started to you out in California.

Nevin Sayre has been along this part of his cross country itinerary, visiting in the southern area seventeen cities. I had been a little uneasy about his talk on Militarism in education at LSU, but it was great fun. There were quick questions and answers, much laughing and plenty of sincere applause of his pacifist answers.

You may find the enclosed clipping from the Jackson Clarion-Ledger illuminating. It is a sermon which appeared the Sunday after your visit and I'm sure was called forth by your address for your name is mentioned in it. Sermons are not usually given so much space even in Jackson papers!

Stewart Austin of Lakeland, Florida is much disturbed that they made up only twenty-five dollars for your expenses instead of thirty-five. Dr. Sayre and I both, knowing you, feel that under the circumstances you are satisfied to let the rest go. Still we know that your expenses are heavy, and if this is asking too much of you just let me know, and I'll make up the rest from the budget of this office.

Please let me know when you come to the south again and have any stray days. We'll try not to fall down on our financial obligations again!

I thoroughly enjoyed being with you. Bishop Bratton and I are writing Dr. W.W. Alexander to explore the possibilities in your suggestion about supplementing a government farm project. If any thing interesting develops I'll let you know.

Again with thanks, much appreciation, and good wishes,

Constance Rumbough

*I had an
 appreciative letter
 from Dr. Paty.
 I'm so glad you
 could be on his
 campus.*

Dr. Kirby Page,
c/o F. & M. College,
Lancaster.

904 Columbia Ave.,
Lancaster, Pa.

March 6th. 1939.

Dear Dr. Page,

The writer desires your supplying him with even the shortest account of what is known in this country of a single matter:—"The date of formation and the founders of THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION".

What now follows of personal record is with the hope to prove justification for calling on your time to reply; the matter has been a concern to me for a long time and your visit prompts the trying to get the "official" belief.

When the Great War broke out, the writer was thirty-one years of age and a resident of Manchester, England, from birth: Had views "without license" on the futility and the complete senselessness of war: Had read Brailsford's "War of Steel & Gold" and Morell's "Morocco in Diplomacy" etc. dealing with "angles", and read the religious reasonings of the Founders of the Society of Friends; Had followed the Boer War and far ahead of August, 4th. 1914, believed war was certain where England and her Allies would clash with Germany and hers, after the Pact of Algeiras and the "incident" of the German gunboat "Panther" at Agadir.

You know that on the outbreak of war there were few people who were determined to carry on an unflinching opposition to war to the limit; that it was necessary they join together for action; Among the leaders being Fenner Brockway (Editor of the newspaper the "Labour Leader" of Manchester) Robert Brightmore, the Attorney (whose punishment in "the pit" ranks as one of the most fiendish inventions of the military towards the "C.O's") and Mrs. "Phil" Snowden of Burnley (Afterwards Lord Snowden and Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government) who bravely carried on the work of Fenner Brockway when he was imprisoned.

Well does the writer remember the few who met one night in an office in Manchester to sign a "Pledge" to go the limit; a pledge which read:—"I will join nothing where "the end" of which shall be the sacrificing of human life":—Which prohibited taking on work in factory, farm or hospital etc. and thereby release a fit man to fight. If one went to jail, keepers were needed, etc.; and those people who met in that room that night for the first attempt at an "Organisation" with a "plan" to fight the military machine, could be counted on the fingers of one hand. We had advertised the meeting in the Labour Leader and had little encouragement in this, the first venture to marshal opponents to the war.

Although Dr. Vipont Brown and Principal Graham and others of the Society of Friends came into the arena later, they were not among the first "who dared". Brown & Graham were then well over military age; they bent to the wrath of the war-mongers by having their sons join Ambulance Units and the danger of their attitude meant plenty to those who knew the truth of the proverb —"What Manchester says to-day, England says to-morrow".

Only the young men could feel the full force of the opposition, and I do not remember one escaping their wrath. We had a great ally in F.E. Hamer, Editor of the Manchester "Guardian". Dr. Cole and others of London came to Manchester when persecution got too bad for them there; Manchester became the "rallying ground" of pacifists, who although few in number, fought the military machine and made it weaken its persecution. The writer was practically alone granted full and complete exemption, but we registered many a defeat to the highest military authorities and their only reply was to jail Brockway and Brightmore and a few others. We openly challenged the then huge combination of Clergy and Military and they felt the force of our public meetings, which were well attended by the business-man in all walks of life. The writer seemed to have a charmed life (which I could not look on that way then, seeing all my friends marched off to prison) in that as often as he was "presented" to the famous bully - Captain Parsons - and others for seditious speeches etc., so often was he released with but a mere caution and an attempt to dissuade me from speaking and the other activities which gave them trouble and got at least one high-ranking officer "Cashiered" after a fair trial. My certificate of exemption was never really challenged; it lasted to the end of the war and I

followed my regular and peaceful occupation which I would not change under any threats.

After the Great War, the writer went to Ireland and for fifteen months travelled practically every village and hamlet getting the fullest information on the "Sinn Fein"ers' battle with the English Military machine. Few people are aware that Mahatma Gandhi was there; (he lodged with friends of mine at Rathfarnham, near Dublin) and Irishmen adopted the "passive resistance" movement: Mayor McCurtain of Cork died after about 90 days of fast: The whole country was for several days with not a wheel turning on any vehicle or train and no one was allowed to use their own vehicles for transportation; one had to stay where they were, until the "strike" was ordered ended. It was "agin" the Government's military machine. We all had to forget business for a few days. I lived at Bray, Co. Wicklow, about 12 miles from Dublin.

In that space of fifteen months much was done, but the loss of McCurtain, Arthur Griffiths (Englishman sympathiser) and others practically depleted the movement of real leaders. Of what men were left, I had little hopes of them leading the people right. I also got one of those experiences that belonged to leaders and not to such as myself; getting listed as a "Commandant" (which I certainly was not, nor connected in any way to be even thought so by anybody) of the SinnFein Army; and but for the usual charm that seemed to follow me something may have happened then that would have left me with nothing more to tell. Those sharpshooters always had a nervous trigger-finger as they sighted their man. However, I got to their Captain on the Railway Station platform before either he or any of his men had recognised me. Explanations followed and I decided to settle my affairs immediately and leave the country. Two days later I was in Birmingham, England; but not before they had wrought vengeance on my belongings under the false impression that such a man with the name of Hennessy could not be anything else but a "SinnFeiner" and one of the "enemy". A simply ridiculous reasoning that an enquiry at the Barracks would have set them right on, as I had from the first reported there that I was absolutely neutral in the whole affair.

At the Friends Meeting House in Dublin at that time, April 21st. 1921, there was to be a large meeting at which was to be a large group of American Friends and others: Leonard Woods of the Chicago Tribune was "reporting" back to America what they should learn about the SinnFein movement and the resulting burnings and bloodshed. I presented to the meeting what was at the bottom of the trouble and facts I had gained in all parts of Ireland by personal visit to people in their homes. I had not been able to be on the spot when the massacres and burnings had taken place, but I had been there early enough that I had to watch that I did not step into the blood of the victims or burn my shoes with the walking over the smouldering debris. I had been given by the whole of the members of families in their own homes what really happened: It was not without a deal of nervousness on their part they told to me, a stranger to them but accompanied by a local man they could trust, their story which might bring further persecution if I had used the information in any careless manner.

From remarks after my explanation, which were made by Wood's and others, I felt that they would take back the right angle. My work in Ireland was ended.

I have never spoken in America about the Irish affair; I found that De Valera had got across things here that would have made whatever I had to say unintelligible. He is their leader now. The truly great men were wiped out by death before I left Ireland; the loss of but two, McCurtain and Griffiths, meant a change in "resistance" such as they had persevered with, which meant saving others lives even at the sacrifice of one's own.

Only once have I spoken (to an Annual Meeting of the Friends) on the Great War; and that was to draw attention to the methods of the Inquisition adopted by the military in England to at least one man, Robert Brightmore, in "the twelve-foot deep pit which was only twenty inches at the top, and in which he was placed to drive him insane".

I trust I can now have your help in learning what is believed here about the date etc. of THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION. It will be of particular help to me.

Yours faithfully,

Nicholas Hennessy

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March 7, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
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La Habra, California


My dear Kirby:

It seems strange to me to write to you in California knowing that probably the letter will be forwarded from there to find you in Timbuktu or Kalamazoo, but I don't have your itinerary and Red Schaal is out of the city.

I just want to express to you in my own name and in that of the Council our deep gratitude for your cooperation toward the success of our Institute. There were many new people in the audience and I feel convinced that you helped to advance their thinking.

Thanking you again and looking forward to the next opportunity to rub shoulders with you, I am

Sincerely yours,


Orton S. Clark
Director

OSC/mgb

North Miami Beach, Fla.,
March 8, 1939.

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Cal.

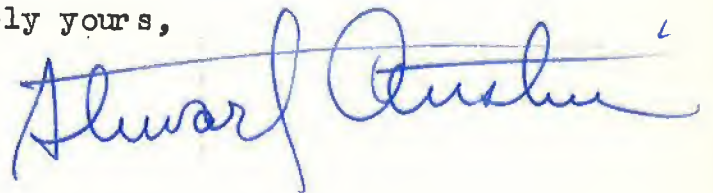
Dear Mr. Page:

I want to thank you for the books which you sent us, and which came the other day. Helen and I appreciate them very much, and know that we will enjoy them for a long time. I still think that you should not have sent them to us this way. But we do appreciate your wanting to do it.

I am at present teaching a short course training school for two small churches north of Miami. We are studying The Life of Jesus, and it is proving very interesting, as it always does. My presence here explains the above heading. Of course Lakeland is my address at the present time.

I hope that your trip to North Carolina was an easy one, and that you did get some rest before your next engagement. We hope that we may sometime have the opportunity of being with you again.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stewart Cushman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line crossing through the middle of the name.

1039 State Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
March 9, 1939.

Dear Mr. Page: *sent*

I am sending you my order for your offer of four of your books for three dollars. As I understand, it includes:

1. Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action
2. Must We Go To War?
3. Living Courageously
4. Creative Pioneers

Inclosed you will find three dollars to cover the cost. Please send the books to my above address.

I must take this opportunity to express my pleasure at meeting ^{you} at the luncheon held in your honor at the Tulane Cafeteria when you were last in New Orleans. If you will remember, it was I who sat ~~across from you~~ when you were eating after your talk. I had heard much of Kirby Page before, and I candidly assure you I was more than pleased to meet him in the flesh. The Y.M.C.A. has just brought Charles A. Wells down, and it is meeting such personalities as you and him that do much to strengthen what faith I have. Undoubtedly, this gives you pleasure...and deservedly so. I want my ministry to be great--regardless of what my last name implies. It is men like yourself that I am eager to meet, men who are practicing Christ's Way of Life. I hope that I someday will have the influence that you have had... and are having.

Where you are now I have no idea. You may never read this; but if you do, I would more than appreciate it if you would drop me a line. It would be of great inspiration to me if I could hear from you. Already I am looking forward when the next opportunity will present it itself to allow me to meet you again. If you return to Tulane next year, I will be there to welcome you, for sure.

Now may God's richest blessings attend your efforts to further His Kingdom.

Very sincerely yours,

Ben A. Petty
Ben A. Petty

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

meant

Your being here in North Carolina recently has been a great deal to all of us who heard you, and we are extremely grateful to you. We feel that the State YW-YMCA Conference held at N.C. State College for Negroes was successful, as well as history making. Your talks added much thought to the assemblies, and helped us in bringing the two races together in such mutual understanding as seemed to exist during the day. Thank you very much.

We enjoyed your visit to Woman's College, and we have heard that a number of classroom discussions grew out of your talks especially the noon and evening ones.

With much appreciation to you for your many services to North Carolina ,
I am

Susannah Thomas

Personal

Democracy in Education—Education for Democracy

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor



March 9th

Dear Kirby,
I have been wondering if you would be reappointed at the Yale Divinity School? My own guess is that you have done such good work that you will not be appointed. I hope I am wrong. Confidentially, I can tell you that I saw Dean Brown today and spoke of how glad I was that you were at the Yale Divinity School. Dean Brown replied that you were a man of "unsound" ideas. I said I thought you were prophetic and "stimulating" to the boys. "Stimulating" said Dean Brown, "so is a bumble bee and Kirby Page is just like a bumble bee. I don't think it is a good thing to have him at the Divinity School." Please don't quote me on this but I thought you would be interested.

My guess is that you will be let go at once and that then some other "radical" will be appointed for one year more or possibly two to save appearances and that after that no one but Pope will be at the Divinity School, ^{in the social field.} Supposing you keep this and see if my prediction comes true.

I very much enjoyed seeing your daughter if even for a few minutes when I was at the Divinity School. Do you know any good preparatory school where I could send my boy where he could get a social outlook of the right sort? He is a very active boy who likes athletics and is not too fond of studies. His sister is first in a class of 500 but the boy likes activity too much.

Yours,

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
UNIVERSITY PARK
LOS ANGELES
March 10, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra
California

Dear Kirby:

I am writing to make a rather peculiar request, and on entirely too short notice.


I told you something of the group that I had organized, composed of those who are completing their training for the teaching profession. I should like very much to have them know you and to hear you on anything you may care to say. Furthermore, if it is at all possible, I should like them to meet with you in your home. March 26 has been set as a tentative date, although we realize this is the first Sunday after you reach home.

Can you let me know by March 18 whether or not it would be possible for you to entertain them on Sunday afternoon or Sunday evening, March 26? They would need only a place in which to sit down to discuss with you some of the pressing problems with which you are regularly laboring, and light refreshments. These should consist of no more than some of your fine tea and either cookies or cake. Obviously a more than ample allowance will be made by the group to defray the expenses that would be involved.

You probably look on this as a rather peculiar request, but I think both of us will have done a good piece of work if it can be carried through. We should like to meet there at about 2:30 or about 7, and hear you for as long as you have time to spare.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,


William G. Campbell
Assistant Professor of Education

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NIAGARA PEACE COUNCIL

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Purpose

The Institute offers an opportunity to study crucial aspects of international relations and our foreign policy today. By a presentation of the educational, spiritual, psychological, political and economic aspects of war and peace, a dedication to the improvements of the international order will result.

The Institute culminates one month's intensive work of the Niagara Peace Council to present the problem of war and peace to the people of Niagara County. This institute will discuss ways and means of an effectual peace program in your church, club, school or other organization.

Faculty

Kirby Page	Student of international affairs, lecturer Yale University 1938, author "Must We Go To War", Palo Alto, Cal.
Arthur Reeve	Assistant Director National Peace Conference, New York City.
Dr. E.A. Schaal	Director Atlantic Area Institute of International Relations, Friends' Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dorothy Hill	Director Wellesley Institute, Chairman "Keep America Out Of War" Committee, Buffalo, New York

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PROGRAM

Friday

11:06 A.M. Registration
12:15 A.M. Tray Luncheon, Howard Hall - Kirby Page - 3 A.
2:00-3:00 P.M. Lecture & Forum - Kirby Page *DIAGNOSIS & DIRECTION*
3:30-4:15 P.M. Round Tables - Must We Go To War, Discussion
of present trends - Arthur Reeve.
Dr. E.A. Schaal
4:00-5:00 P.M. Youth lecture & forum - Kirby Page *DECAY*
8:00-9:15 P.M. Public Mass Meeting - Kirby Page *RELIGIOUS*

Saturday

10:00-11:00 A.M. Approaches to World Peace - Arthur Reeve *L.O.F.N.*
Kirby Page
11:10-12:00 Round Tables - Personal Philosophy of
International Relations
Dorothy Hill Arthur Reeve
Kirby Page Dr. E.A. Schaal
2:00-2:45 P.M. Panel Discussion - How Can America Best
Serve Democracy - Dorothy Hill- Arthur
Reeve, Kirby Page, Dr. E.A. Schaal
2:45-3:00 P.M. Summary - Kirby Page *RESPONSIBILITY - LOYALTY*
3:15-4:00 P.M. Adults' Round Table - "Next Steps in
Niagara"
3:00 Young People - Boy Scout Camp - Recrea-
tion & "bull session."

Further Information Call 877-M or 1472-R

NIAGARA PEACE COUNCIL

The Niagara Peace Council is an organization formed to correlate all peace efforts in Niagara Falls and environs. Membership is either organizational or individual. Any organization having as one of its aims international good will may join by payment of \$1.00, the appointment of two delegates to the Council and the inclusion in its program of some emphasis on peace, material and speakers for which will be furnished by the Peace Council. Any individual may apply for membership. The Council is presently composed of 29 organizational and 100 individual members.

The Council does not commit its members to any particular action but seeks to educate its members through institutes, printed material, and discussions. There is room for difference of opinion if the individual or organization is sincerely interested in peace. The Council also offers opportunity for effective action through its Peace Action Committee and Youth Committee.

Institute Registration - cut off & mail to
H.A. Freeman -428 Gluck Bldg. or Dwight Allen -8521 Lindbergh

(Entire Institute fee includes all except (Check))
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(Junior .50	())
(Saturday only Senior .60	())
(Junior .40	())
(Friday night open lecture only .35	())
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(Enclose cash or check payable to Dwight Allen)

Says U. S. Should Change Self, Not Other Nations

Kirby Page says America should abandon thought of suppressing part of world by force

Courier-Express Niagara Falls Bureau
Niagara Falls, Mar. 10—If the United States decides it must have a coalition with England and France, it should have as its objective the changing of the policies of these three nations toward the rest of the world. It should not be a coalition aimed at overwhelming other nations.

Kirby Page, author and university lecturer, gave this counsel to the audience which gathered to hear him this afternoon at the institute on "American Foreign Policy and I," held under sponsorship of the Niagara Peace Council.

"After the World War France decided she would depend upon making Germany weak and herself strong, but today we ask the question, is France safe?" said Mr. Page. "You see, France overlooked the effect of her program on the 65 million Germans. She assumed that they would acquiesce to the plan for their permanent weakness. But the psychology was entirely wrong. What France did was take the surest route to make the Germans work hard to get out from under."

"The League of Nations failed because, as is shown in article sixteen, it was founded on that same French illusion, that if you have enough power you are irresistible—that the league should be strong and the recalcitrant powers should be kept weak."

"And yet, though this is the philosophy which made the league fail, there are those who are advocating the same idea for the United States, England, France and Russia—that we should have enough arms to keep the rest of the world in submission."

Things That Hamper Thinking

Idealistic blindness hampers the thinking of many persons, Mr. Page asserted, and makes it impossible for them to distinguish between the meaning of law and order and the maintenance of the status quo.

"Which is worse—ordinary cussedness of conscientious wickedness?" the speaker asked; answering that "both are equally bad." Therefore, he went on, "although it has been said that the 'British Empire was founded in a fit of absent-mindedness, and that no British king wrote a Mein Kampf or declared imperial intentions as bluntly as did Mussolini, the English procedure was just as productive of new territory as have been the present methods of the Germans and the Italians. It may have been more gentle so far as the British were concerned, but it certainly wasn't for the victims. Has anything been more brutal than the program toward India?"

"When you speak of conquest, that is just as much a contemporary program for England as it is for Italy. Just as Italy still is busy conquering Ethiopia, so is England busy conquering India."

At this point a listener asked Mr. Page, "but aren't British methods of conquest better?"

Board Member



Jane Harcastle Photo

WILLIAM H. COLQUHOUN

ON SCHOOL BOARD

W. H. Colquhoun to take seat next Thursday

Courier-Express Niagara Falls Bureau
Niagara Falls, Mar. 10—Seat on the Niagara Falls board of education left vacant by the death of Herman J. Arnson will be filled when the board holds its meeting next Thursday night by William H. Colquhoun.

Native of this city, Mr. Colquhoun was educated in the public schools and Niagara Falls High School. He is a projectionist at the Strand Theater; member of Riverside Lodge of the F. & A. M., American Legion and a director of the Central Trade and Labor Council.

CRUSHED BY CAR

Railroad man fatally injured at Niagara Falls

Courier-Express Niagara Falls Bureau
Niagara Falls, Mar. 10—In toppling off a car which had been shunted down the New York Central tracks midway between the Hyde Park Bridge and the roundhouse at 4.45 p. m. today, Jacob Hutzul, 52, of 2747 Lockport Road, fell under the trucks, suffered a crushed abdomen and died almost immediately.

Harold F. Neville, yardmaster, and Bryon F. Hoolihan, clerk, witnessed the accident.

ISSUE STATEMENT

Ormsby, Masters voice views on club election

Courier-Express Niagara Falls Bureau
Niagara Falls, Mar. 10—A joint statement by Justin R. Ormsby and Joseph R. Masters came today as an aftermath of the annual election meeting last night of the Young Men's Democratic Club, at which Henry LaMonte was continued as president.

Mr. Ormsby, defeated candidate for the presidency denied a printed statement that Mr. Masters, who is state committeeman, had been his sponsor, and then claimed that Mr. LaMonte had had a sponsor in Postmaster Edward V. Canavan.

"The election was decided by one vote and the absence of PA members of the club was noticeable," said Mr. Ormsby, adding that he believed many of them would have voted for him.

Mr. Masters stated his belief that Thursday night's meeting "was similar to an election held several years ago, which spelled the downfall of the Young Men's Democratic Club at that time."

"I believe the party which permitted election of Mr. LaMonte was the same element as operated in the previous election," he said.

Such tactics, he held, tended to prevent development of the party.

WILSON RECOMMENDED

Groveland Democrat choice for election commissioner

Special to The Courier-Express
Mt. Morris, Mar. 10—At a meeting of the Livingston County Democratic committee last night, Gamble Wilson of Groveland received the unanimous endorsement of the committeemen as their candidate for election commissioner.

The Board of Supervisors will take action on the matter at their regular monthly meeting next Monday, and it is expected Mr. Wilson will also receive the unanimous endorsement of the solons for the office.

In case his appointment is confirmed, he will succeed the late Hosmer H. Thompson of Lima as the Democratic member on the Livingston election board. Mr. Thompson had served in this capacity from the time the board was formed in 1911 until his death a few days ago.

Mr. Wilson is counted one of the best known men in Livingston County. He represented the Town of Groveland on the Board of Supervisors for several years, and also served as chairman of the Livingston County Democratic committee for some time.

William T. Larkin of this village, chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting.

WILL FIGHT FOR JOB

Hospital superintendent retains attorney, promises contest

Special to The Courier-Express
North Tonawanda, Mar. 10—Miss Grace G. Eaton, superintendent of the DeGraff Memorial Hospital, whose dismissal from her present position Mayor Myles W. Joyce has been endeavoring to bring about by threatening to prefer charges against her unless she abdicates, today



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veterans, will take a lead-
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Is Conquest Justified?

"Well, the Germans think their
technique is better, and so you have
an open argument. The question
really is, is there justification for
any kind of conquest, when it means
taking over a people and their land
despite their own feelings?"

"Does anyone think that Cham-
berlain is interested strictly in
democracy?" Mr. Page continued.
"If he were, why did he take the
attitude he did in Spain? It cer-
tainly was wrong, from a democratic
standpoint. The simple truth is that
he is concerned strictly with empire
interests."

"During the last 150 years the
United States and Great Britain have
been the most aggressive nations in
the history of the world. And the
real struggle today is between em-
pires formed yesterday and one be-
ing formed today."

After the address there was a
round table discussion on the sub-
ject, Must We Go to War? Leaders
were Arthur Reeve, assistant direc-
tor of the National Peace Confer-
ence, and Dr. E. A. Schaal, direc-
tor of the Atlantic Area Institute of
International Relations, Friends
Service Committee. Comments by
these men included:

Mr. Reeve—"In the World War
years this government didn't take
sides until it entered the war. But
now it's different, and that is why it
is said that Roosevelt is 3 1/2 years
ahead of the country. . . . As long
as each nation remains apart from
an international tribunal, each
country will decide its rightness in
any situation through its own
strength."

Question of Selling Planes

Mr. Schaal—"As to the question
of whether it is right to sell planes
to England and France, let us an-
swer by asking, 'Would Roosevelt
approve of an order from Germany
for 1,000 planes?' . . . The League of
Nations was dead before it started
because it was nothing more than an
instrument by which to attempt to
enforce the Versailles treaty. . . .
Peace never will come through band-
ing of a few nations who profess
virtue and yet are willing to use co-
ercion in their own situations. Those
who two years ago called for eco-
nomic sanctions are demanding
heavy armaments today."

Rev. William F. Saye, who was one
of the four Niagara Falls clergymen
present, commented that "I am more
incensed over Roosevelt's action than
over Hitler's program. . . . In meet-
ing this international difficulty we
can't trust even intelligence, unless
that intelligence has been converted
to religion. . . . If Christians had as
much faith as Gandhi they would
prefer to die for peace rather than
for war."

Still another opinion offered was
the war-makers are attempting to
reconcile the American people to ac-
ceptance of the term, "defensive

The car had been dispatched to-
ward a coal chute and Hutzul had
been placed in charge of it.

Coroner Harry R. Emes issued a
certificate of accidental death.
Hutzul leaves a wife and son.

Ernest Frank Dies At Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls, Mar. 10—Ernest
Frank, born in Sanborn 73 years ago
and a resident of this city for the
last 36 years, died tonight at his
home, 456 Fourth Street.

On coming to this city he had
entered the employ of the Shredded
Wheat Company, remaining with
the plant until ill health forced re-
tirement in 1920. Since last fall he
had been confined at his home.

Surviving him is his wife, Martha.
Funeral services will be held at
the home Monday afternoon, with
the Rev. Charles R. Osborn of the
First Baptist Church, and the Rev.
John E. Vassar officiating. Mem-
bers of the Odd Fellows Lodge will
read their service at the grave at
Riverdale Cemetery.

Wilson Choirs Eligible For Final Contest

Wilson, Mar. 10—Mrs. Russell
Hurlburt, music supervisor of the
Wilson High School, has received a
letter from Arthur N. Brandenburg,
secretary of the National School
Music Competition Festival, stating
that the Wilson choirs are eligible
for the national contest without com-
petition in the state and sectional
divisions.

The reason is that the choirs re-
ceived highest honors in last year's
regional competition. This year's
final contest will be held in New
York City on May 25th to 27th and
will probably include some activities
at the World's Fair.

Divorce Decrees Filed At Lockport Clerks Office

Lockport, Mar. 10—An interlocu-
tory decree of divorce granted by
Justice William A. Gold to J. Frank
Schade, Town of Cambria, from
Katherine Schade, Niagara Falls,
was filed today in the county clerk's
office. They were married Decem-
ber 18, 1933, in Pennsylvania.

Another interlocutory decree by
Justice Gold gave a divorce to Lucy
Stern, 3801 Pine Avenue, Niagara
Falls, from Clair Stern, 320 Cedar
Avenue, Niagara Falls. They were
married at the Falls on November
28, 1925.

Named as Secretary

Franklin, Pa., Mar. 10 — Miss
Evelyn McElphatrick, Franklin's only
woman attorney, will become per-
sonal secretary to Chief Engineer
Thomas C. Franme, department of
highways. Her appointment at Har-
risburg today carries a salary of
\$1,860.

war" and that if they succeed they
will give a possible conflict that
name, regardless of its actual status,
to assure acceptance by the duly-
conditioned public.

Tomorrow the institute will be
continued, the sessions being held at
the Y. M. C. A. At 10 a. m. Mr.
Reeve and Mr. Page will discuss Ap-
proaches to Peace; at 11.10, there
will be round tables on the Personal
Philosophy of International Rela-
tions; 2 p. m., panel discussion on,
How Can America Service Best
Democracy?; 2.45, a summary on the
two-day institute by Mr. Page; 3.15,
adults' round table on Next Steps
in Niagara.

emphatically denied published re-
ports that she would resign before
the proceedings brought by LeGrand
S. DeGraff and others against
Mayor Joyce, to restrain him from
interfering with the operation of the
hospital, come up for final disposi-
tion.

"I have not given such a thought
consideration," said Miss Eaton. She
supplemented this remark with the
announcement that she intends to
fight Mayor Joyce to the last ditch
in her determination to thwart his
efforts to oust her from the super-
intendency of the hospital.

Miss Eaton has retained Attorney
Dow Vroman, dean of the law pro-
fession in the Tonawandas.

To Investigate Case Before Sentence

Tonawanda, Mar. 10—Joseph Mar-
kovich, sixteen, of 219 Robinson
Street, pleaded guilty before Judge
Cordon T. Hackett today to the
charge of unlawful entry. Execu-
tion of sentence was postponed un-
til March 24th. In the meantime
the probation department will make
an investigation and submit a re-
port to Judge Hackett on its find-
ings in connection with the defen-
dant.

Markovich was arrested last Feb-
ruary 28th by Police Chief George
C. Marohm at Delaware and Fletch-
er streets. The officer claimed he
found a loaded -evolver, stolen from
the home of Mrs. Margaret Miner,
Niagara and Christiana streets, in
December. The youth was also al-
leged to have had an iron pinch
bar up his right sleeve.

The defendant is said to have con-
fessed to two burglaries in Tona-
wanda and the same number of at-
tempted burglaries in the city, and
to several others in North Tona-
wanda.

The charge of burglary, third de-
gree, was laid against Markovich at
the time of his arrest. To make it
possible for the local court to handle
the case, Assistant District Attorney
Maurice Frey consented to the re-
duced charge.

Attorney Heffron Cohen appeared
as counsel for the defendant.

The bail of \$5,000, furnished at the
time of the arrest, was ordered con-
tinued pending the disposition of the
case.

Lockport Elks Will Elect on March 23d

Lockport, Mar. 10—At the next
meeting of Lockport Lodge, B. P. O.
E., on March 23d, officers for the en-
suing year will be elected.

The nominees are: David F. Fo-
ley, for exalted ruler; Ernest A. Paul,
Jr., for leading knight; Hubert
Flynn, for loyal knight; Elmer E.
Wilson, for lecturing knight; A. C.
O'Brien, for secretary; Howard C.
Cain for treasurer; Charles J. Cain,
for tiler, and John W. Haenle, for
trustee.

William J. Pembroke, the retiring
exalted ruler, is the nominee for al-
ternate delegate to the grand lodge.
The exalted ruler is always the dele-
gate.

Roger McBride, Matthew Burke,
Ernest A. Paul, Jr., Elmer E. Wilson
and Hubert Flynn are nominees for
delegates to the state convention.
Arthur E. Ames, Peter C. Boyle, John
E. Burns, George Sutherland and A.
C. Kudel are nominees for alternate
delegates.

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ning over soft ground, an eight-
horsepower motor being used.



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In Memoriam

MISS SUSAN B. INGRAM

Died March 8, 1939

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY wishes to announce the names of the officers for the current year: Honorary President, Mrs. Robert Wardrop; President, Miss Catharine R. Miller; First Vice President, Mrs. Donald B. Atwell; Second Vice President, Miss Margaret Shaw Campbell; Third Vice President, Mrs. Joseph D. Dury; Treasurer, Miss Helen R. Smith; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Edgar Lore; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lester H. Conway; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Palmer S. Chambers; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William S. Montgomery; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John A. Emery; Secretary of Literature, Miss Grace Crutchfield.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY will meet Tuesday, March 14th, at three o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Ralph W. Harbison. Mrs. Sam Higginbottom of Allahabad, India, will be our honor guest and speaker. All women of the church are invited to be present. Please note the change in day from the usual time of meeting.

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh will be held on Wednesday, March 15, at 10:30 a. m. in the First Church, Pittsburgh. There will be conferences for local officers. All women are invited to the Prayer Room at 10 o'clock.

A PARENT-TEACHERS DINNER will be held Thursday evening, March 23rd, in the basement of the Church House. The Rev. Frederick H. Willkens of Pittsburgh will be the speaker. Mr. Willkens is one of the outstanding leaders in the field of religious education in Pennsylvania. All parents, teachers, and interested friends of our children and young people are asked to reserve this date.

A SERIES OF MUSICAL VESPER SERVICES will begin this Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in this church. The program today will be music by representative American composers. Next week Mr. Earl Collins, organist of Bellefield Presbyterian Church and instructor in Hymnology at Western Seminary, will speak on The History of Hymns.

THE COMMUNICANTS' CLASS will continue each Sunday morning in the Pastor's Study at 10 o'clock.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE will be held on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock in the Church House. The topic this week will be "Jesus, the Supreme Teacher."

DR. KIRBY PAGE, internationally known author and religious leader, will speak this evening to the combined Young People's Societies of the Valley in our Church House at seven o'clock. The topic is "Christianity and Economics." All are invited to attend.

THE SESSION will meet at the close of this service.

THE SEWICKLEY SEWING GUILD will hold its final luncheon of this year on Thursday, March 16th, at 12:15 o'clock. Mrs. R. Kennedy Hanson and Mrs. William T. Shannon are co-chairmen of the luncheon. A large attendance is hoped for.

THE GUILD will hold its annual meeting upstairs in the sewing rooms following the luncheon. There is still sewing to be done and workers will be appreciated.

DR. J. V. MOLDENHAWER is to be with us again this year for the William Oliver Campbell Preaching Memorial. He will speak to us each evening at eight o'clock, March 28th to March 31st, inclusive.

The Presbyterian Congregation of Sewickley, Pa.

Assistant Minister and Director of Education

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MARCH 12, 1939

THE CHOIR

Mrs. Letha Frazier Rankin	- - -	Soprano
Mrs. Jean McCrory Newman	- - -	Contralto
Mr. A. Edward Kipp	- - -	Tenor
Mr. Doyle H. Bugher	- - -	Baritone
Mr. Alfred H. Johnson	- - -	Organist-Director

MISSIONARIES

FOREIGN

Miss Mabel S. Jones	Showchow, China
Mr. Andrew Tod Roy	- China
Mrs. Margaret Roy	- - China
Mr. Shimbhu Bhagat	- Chosen

HOME

Miss Elizabeth Bender	Menaul School, Albuquerque, N. M.
Miss Mabel Ahlborn	Asheville Farm Home School Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. John T. Hartman	Tucson, Arizona

The Morning Service at Eleven O'clock

Organ Prelude "In Paradisum" Theodore Dubois

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Call to Remembrance, O Lord" Richard Farrant
1530-1580

Responsive Reading Selection No. 601

Gloria Patri

Hymn 6

Scripture Lesson Ephesians, Chapter 1

Prayer and Response

Hymn 170

Offertory Anthem "Blessed are the Merciful" Henry Hiles

Sermon "The Head of the Church" Dr. William R. Farmer

Hymn 180 (Tune—Coronation)

Benediction and Silent Prayer

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude "Sketch in C Minor" Schumann

Lenten Twilight Music at Five O'clock

Organ Prelude "Solitude" Edwin H. Lemare

Call to Worship

Hymn 68

Anthem "Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God" T. Tertius Noble

Reading "Magnificat"

Anthem "Magnificat" Harvey B. Gaul

Scripture Psalm 98

Anthem "Nunc Dimittis" Harvey B. Gaul

Prayer

Anthem "Thou Knowest, Lord" Mrs. H. H. A. Beach

Reading "The Troubadour of God"

Anthem "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love" Eric Delamarter

Hymn 59

Benediction

Organ Postlude "Improvisation"

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C A L E N D A R

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Stan Klein, Pres.

- TUES. MARCH 14 STUDY GROUP. At the Wesley Foundation. Kinley Herboldsheimer leads the discussion on "The Way of Jesus"
7 - 7:50 a.m.
- 11 - 11:50 a.m. BIBLE STUDY COMMISSION (YM-YW). At Ellen Smith Hall. This group is studying The Book Nobody Knows by Bruce Barton. Rex Aman will lead the discussion on the Book of Acts.
- WED. MARCH 15 COOPERATIVES COMMISSION (YM-YW). At "Y" rooms in Temple. Professor J. F. Lawrence of Ag College will speak on "Co-Op Organization"
5 - 5:50 p.m.
- THURS. MARCH 16 CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION (YM-YW). At Ellen Smith Hall.
3 - 3:50 p.m.
- 5 - 5:50 p.m. PERSONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (YM-YW). At "Y" rooms in Temple. Joy Pestal and Bill Aeschbacher, co-chairmen.
- 6 - 7:30 p.m. CABINET SUPPER. "Y" rooms in Temple.
- FRI. MARCH 17 BIBLE LUNCHEON. This week the group will go at 12:00 to the Grand Hotel to hear Kirby Page and will return to 6 P.M. to eat at 12:35. *10¢ Sandwich, Cocoa luncheon.*
12 - 12:50 p.m.
- KIRBY PAGE speaks on "If Democracies and Dictatorships Go to War?" See Below.
- 2 - 3 p.m. START FOR WAYNE STATE STUDENT YM-YW CONFERENCE.
- SAT. MARCH 18 WAYNE CONFERENCE
- SUN. MARCH 19 WAYNE CONFERENCE CLOSING AT 10:45 a.m.

NOTES

X BIG EVENT of the week is the State Student Christian Movement Conference at Wayne, Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. There will be three great addresses by Kirby Page, work sessions on "Y" program planning, an Estes Banquet, and a lot of good fellowship. About 35 will go from the University of Nebraska.

X KIRBY PAGE will be here Friday for a noon luncheon (30¢) at the Grand Hotel. Mr. Page will speak promptly at 12 o'clock. The luncheon will be served about 12:30. Make reservations at the University YM and YW offices.

This time arrangement is due to the fact that we couldn't get service at 12:00. This way all can hear you for a brief hour - discussion following at 1:00 for those who have no 1 o'clock classes.

March 13, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra,
California

Dear Mr. Page,

On April 20 a number of anti-war meetings and student strikes against war will be held on the campuses of the colleges and universities of the United States. It seems imperative that these be an occasion for a demonstration of genuine sentiment against war, not a mobilization for collective security action against the fascist nations.

The University of Chicago Chapter of the Youth Committee Against War is planning a student strike at the university which will be based on the following program:

1. End plans for a super-navy and an enlarged army and air force,
2. Combat industrial mobilization plans.
3. Keep the R. O. T. C. out of schools and colleges.
4. Support the War Referendum Amendment.
5. Strengthen the U. S. neutrality legislation for non-participation in foreign wars.
6. Prohibit the sale and export of war materials to belligerents.
7. Work for a genuine world economic and political cooperation.
8. Build democracy at home.
9. Support the Oxford Pledge. (optional)

The Youth Committee Against War has engaged Mandel Hall, seating 1100 people, for the meeting. The members of the Youth Committee Against War are exerting every effort to make the strike a real anti-war success. They naturally look to pacifist leaders such as yourself for aid in the struggle against war.

Our group is aware that you plan to be here at the University on April 30. Is there any chance at all that your itinerary will bring you into this vicinity before that date. We could contribute a poor \$20 to your expenses, but we are confident that at least two other universities and colleges in this area would like to avail themselves of you as a speaker for their own anti-war strikes. Our own meeting will be at 11:00 A.M.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the possibility of a favorable reply from you.

Sincerely yours,

Purnell Benson
Chairman of the Youth
Committee Against War.
5659 University Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

7422 Latona Ave.
Seattle, Wash.
March 14, 1939

Dear Mr. Page:

I have read your "RELIGIOUS RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL LIVING AND SOCIAL ACTION" and enjoyed it immensely. You really wrote an inspiring book in that edition.

It is of such a vital issue to my life that under no condition can I part with it. However, at present I do not have the \$1.50, but I will send it to you within two weeks. I am very sorry to have delayed this long in writing, but that is the difficulty. Please rest assured that you'll get the \$1.50.

In the Creative Youth Club, we have made many references to your book and have received help. It has given us new visions--new aims--new idelas to strive for in the creative life.

Such is the creative life and Christ's program. We never reach a stalemate but always find planes of life just a little higher up to achieve. We can always experience the thrill of being just that much more creative.

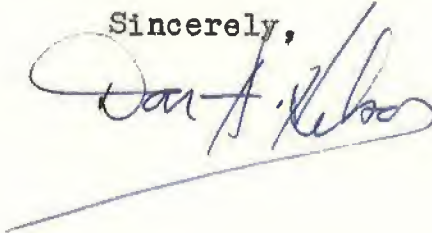
The Christian Socialist Party is enticing. I am going to join it. It behooves all socialists to join hands in creating a new world. Only in this way can we experience any real strength.

At the present time I am unemployed--this is why I did not send the money this time--But I am industriously looking for a job on the staff of some newspaper as cub reporter. Maybe I'll have to look around a bit, but I'll get the job in the end.

I'll write you again in a couple of weeks. You'll find the \$1.50 in that letter.

Thanks a million! for your kindness in sending me your "RELIGIOUS RESOURCES."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan F. Kibbe", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

WORLD EVENTS

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A POCKET PERIODICAL FOR STUDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Important Announcement!

IFOR reasons which we hope and believe will be approved of by all our readers *World Events* will suspend publication with this issue and will not resume until the fall of 1940. This decision is based solely upon a desire to use the experience, equipment and influence of the Nofrontier News Service in the most effective way during the present critical days.

At best, international affairs seem bound to hang, for some months ahead at any rate, on a series of recurring crises. War is not impossible at any time, but if war is averted, as all sane persons must fervently wish, we do not anticipate any early general settlement.

Not one opportunity can be overlooked by any group working for sounder international relations. No undertaking, however difficult, should be neglected if it holds promise of genuine results. Many of those most closely connected with the work of the Nofrontier News Service have become convinced that in the present situation, we can best serve the numerous editors in the United States and foreign countries who use NNS material, by arranging a somewhat protracted stay, in central European points, of most of our staff. *We are planning, therefore, to move the editorial and production activities of NNS to Europe for twelve to fourteen months beginning late this spring.* From first-hand observation and investigation, we shall try to send back to editorial clients news characterized by poise, independence, reliability, and constructive tone. We take very gravely our responsibility at this time of crisis. We have been seeking to do a limited job with unique quality and usefulness. Already the number of readers who subscribe to publications using our material number more than 21,500,000. We have had numerous indications that, if the European project is carried out, we shall be able to add a number of new editors and, in addition, secure the printing of signed and especially-written syndicated articles giving insight into the European turmoil. The editors spent fourteen months in Europe in 1930 and 1931, have a reasonable command of languages, and are widely acquainted in many countries; we hope to do a worthwhile job.

But an extended sojourn in Europe is necessitated, also, by the fact that our network of correspondents, which until recently covered virtually every country in the European world, has been broken up, harassed, and greatly reduced in number. Some are refugees. Some are now in countries about which they are not qualified to report objectively. Others have been compelled by the extraordinary circumstances of the day, to cease their activities as news reporters and commentators. By

first-hand contact over a considerable period of time, new correspondents — socially-minded, courageous contributors of trustworthy information — can be found.

Thus we are requesting all subscribers to *World Events* to allow us to "freeze" their subscriptions where they stand at the present time, pending fulfillment with the number of copies due, after the re-establishment of headquarters in the U. S. A. We know that *World Events* will be missed; the loyal comments sent by hundreds of subscribers, time after time, attest to that. Nevertheless, few if any have ever subscribed to *World Events* for commercial or private reasons. Each subscriber has been a member of a loyal band striving to understand, and to work actively for, the principles on which international brotherhood may eventually be based. *If any subscriber is going to suffer hardship financially because of this suspension, we shall of course make a refund of the amount due in his unexpired subscription. But we hope such requests will not be made; we wish to look forward to the time when we can carry along with us, after the enriching and deepening experience in the center of the European conflict, the same body of readers.*

Our judgment on the advisability and necessity of this project has been confirmed, after careful consultation, by many leaders of the organized peace movement, — among them Dorothy Detzer, Executive Secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War; Ray Newton, Secretary of the Peace Section, American Friends Service Committee; John Nevin Sayre, Secretary, Fellowship of Reconciliation; Norman Thomas, Director of the League for Industrial Democracy and member of the Governing Committee of the Keep America Out of War Congress; and President Ernest H. Wilkins of Oberlin College. Men and women active in this sort of work, irrespective of their particular points of view, have been quick to see the advantages that might accrue to the movement as a whole. Religious, legislative, and educational approaches toward a foreign policy of effective war prevention, must rely in no little measure on a popular understanding, by thousands of persons, of current world affairs. In breaking through the "charmed circle" of the already well-informed, to the masses who otherwise read little with the peace viewpoint, the Nofrontier News Service has been unique.

Will you, as one subscriber to World Events, co-operate with us in this project, for the greater good it may accomplish, even though it inconveniences you personally for a considerable length of time? If you will, by letting your subscription "stand still" for a time, it is not necessary to write.

We want to be frank and take you "in on the inside" of our plans. As probably every reader of World Events has always understood, this News Service is not profit-making. No one has ever been connected with it in any capacity who has not, in one way or another, made sacrifices for it. It is supported just as all progressive organizations and indeed many colleges and educational institutions must be — by voluntary contributions. By economical operating and living arrangements abroad, in a somewhat extended stay, it is possible to absorb the cost of transportation over and back. Thus the total amount we expect the project to cost, for 1939 and 1940, basing estimates upon a two-year program, is no greater than it would cost to remain here and carry on through the usual routine methods. One or two financial contributors have evidenced a willingness, moreover, to contribute much more substantially than hitherto, *provided that* we will attempt, on our part, to carry through the increasingly promising European venture.

Does this mean that we are already assured of adequate financing for the plan? Unfortunately, no! We shall be glad to give to any subscriber full particulars about the budget involved, and any details on which information is desired. One of the reasons why we feel it essential to suspend the publication of World Events a few weeks prior to our expected sailing, is to free the time of those carrying most responsibility for the work so that they can try to secure the few thousand dollars still necessary for the fulfillment of the proposal — only a little less than eighty per cent of the total amount required having already been pledged. Any readers who wholeheartedly approve of the plan and wish to co-operate financially may be assured that their contributions will be used economically and effectively, and will be most gratefully received. Name and address of our auditors and all other necessary information, will be supplied upon request.

A number of discussion leaders, clergymen, professors, and peace workers to whom we have made known the plan, one by one, have suggested to us that certain readers, rather than resenting such an offer, would appreciate the opportunity to secure, at a cost rate, while World Events is suspended, copies of the editorial releases from abroad, as a basis for information, talks, etc., but without permission to reprint (thus to protect our editors.)

Of necessity, these editorial bulletins cannot start until we have allowed the staff some period for reorganization and observation abroad, but we expect to begin mailing them from European points, at the latest, in the early fall of 1939 and continue for approximately a year. We cannot guarantee regularity of publication, since much more valuable work may often be done if a rigid schedule is not invariably adhered to. A number of readers have already signified their willingness to contribute \$3.00 for 1939 and a similar amount for 1940; to all of these we will send all our material for the *two full years*. But there may be some who would like to secure a smaller number of the reports from abroad. *To these no fewer than twenty bulletins will be mailed and there will probably be more; as nearly as we can estimate the cost, for postage, preparation, and overhead, we shall have to ask individual subscribers to these bulletins, the cost fee of \$3.00. The same price will hold for schools, classes, discussion groups.*

In closing, the editors wish to say that no subscriber, not even the most enthusiastic, could possibly miss World Events during this temporary suspension, as keenly as we will miss the opportunity to "speak" regularly to a group of readers we have abundant reason to respect. We hope you all will be considerate of our sincere desire to do the utmost we can for better international relations, by exerting the maximum influence we can, within our own humble sphere, in service to the most urgent cause of our generation.

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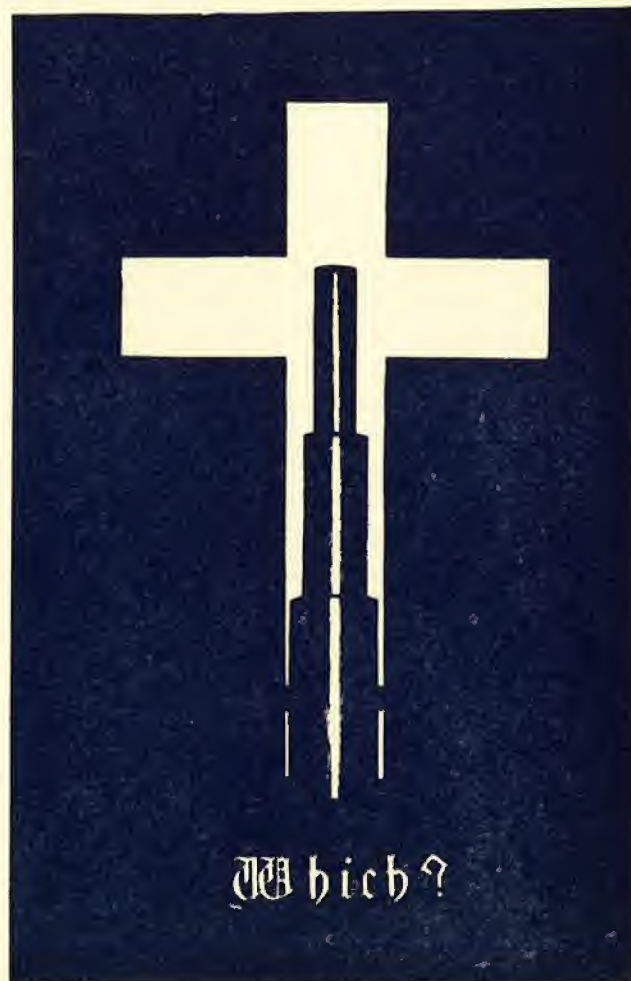


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My dear Friend:

Three years ago we founded the Cooperative Farms, Inc., in Mississippi, and began to settle the first thirty families on the Delta Farm. These people, who had been evicted from their homes and farms in Arkansas, were rescued from the roadsides and enabled to make their own living. Last year we bought a second farm, so that we are now operating two farms, one at Rochdale, the other at Providence. We had a very hard time with cotton on Providence this season, owing to a flood and to the boll weevil, when we lost two-thirds of the expected value of our cotton crop; but we are doing well in cattle, hogs, and subsistence farming which has raised the standard of living for all our members. We have put up thousands of cans of berries, fruit and vegetables in our cannery; we are making syrup; we have hundreds of acres of pasture under fence, with our small herd of beef cattle and our successful dairy which provides milk and butter for our own community; and we are selling milk at a profit to a nearby creamery. The State Dairy Inspector has said that our new Providence dairy has the highest rating of any in the state. We have two co-operative stores; the store at Rochdale paid a dividend of 10 per cent to the members for the last six months and paid a Christmas bonus to all the families on the second farm, whose cooperative had not yet begun to pay dividends.

We have not yet succeeded; rather, we are in the midst of a great experiment. Each department has its quota, and is struggling hard to reach it. Our social and educational program is carried on by our devoted, earnest staff of workers. Our new moving picture apparatus adds to our income and is furnishing weekly entertainment for the first time in history in our neighborhood. Our new clinic was opened on November 5th, with our permanent resident physician, Dr. David Minter, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and our experienced nurse. The building was dedicated by Bishop Scarlett, one of the Trustees.

At the end of his recent report on the Farms, Sam Franklin, the Director, writes: "An imperative need is for dairy cows and beef cattle. We have a signed contract for at least two years with a Pasteurizing plant to take fifty gallons of milk a day, but we urgently need more dairy cattle to meet all our demands. We can buy ordinary cows very cheaply, suitable for producing calves for beef. Dairy cows can be had for fifty dollars and cows for a beef herd for twenty-five dollars."

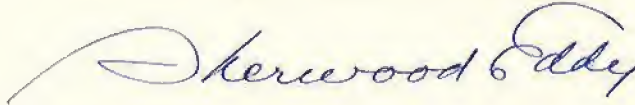
At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees it was decided to raise a fund of \$10,000 to put these two farms on a sound basis. It was agreed that we would add \$5,000 to the capital account chiefly for livestock expansion mentioned above, and \$5,000 for a revolving fund to assist in raising the crop each year. We hope that these farms will then be self-supporting, as far as agricultural operations are concerned, though our medical and social service program and the wider extension of the cooperative movement will not yet be self-sustaining.

In addition we can purchase the neighboring Pasteurizing plant outright advantageously, and lay the foundation for a cooperative creamery at a cost of \$5,000. Our total appeal is thus for \$15,000. This should carry us one step further in our original plan of a chain of cooperatives in the South.

On behalf of the Trustees, whose appeal I enclose, I write to ask if you will make a contribution toward this practical humanitarian object to enable these poorest people in America to work out their own salvation. Subscriptions may be paid before the end of 1939.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherwood Eddy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

Secretary-Treasurer
Cooperative Farms, Inc.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE COOPERATIVE FARMS, INC.

At the beginning of our fourth year of operation, Cooperative Farms, Inc., approach you once more with an appeal for financial aid. In order to launch and support our work it has been necessary for us, from time to time, to ask help in raising two separate budgets. One of these is for medical, social and educational work which cannot yet be financed out of ordinary farm income. The second is for capital fund.

In our present appeal we ask your aid only for our second budget. Since March of 1936 we have received and invested a total capital of \$65,567.73, exclusive of operating funds. This sum has come largely as free gifts from many friends. In smaller part it represents loans from friends, which must be repaid. We hold the real assets which this money has purchased in trust for the service of our people, and for the later possible extension of our plan.

Nothing less than vast projects of the Federal Government can ever meet the needs of millions of our population in the depths of poverty, but we believe that non-official experiments like ours are necessary to explore the cooperative principle in ways which are not open to the government. There is a place in the cooperative field of experimentation for private, voluntary projects like our own to discover methods which may be successfully followed by other private and government projects on a wide scale. Such projects as ours must necessarily be conducted under the greatest economy. We believe that our own unit costs per family to date are very low, in fact, and that few if any projects have had such a free field for original and bold experimentation.

Operating with such limited capital we, of course, have been able to afford our people only the very simplest of homes. Our buildings are erected by the labor of the members themselves. We have been forced to take land which is less excellent than the best. Our basic soil values are good on both farms, but most of our acreage is still in timber. Our first farm, the Delta, at Rochdale, lies low and the soil is a heavy gumbo, hard to work. It is exceedingly fertile, however, and particularly well adapted to cotton and alfalfa. On our second farm, Providence, we have a lighter, sandier soil, well adapted to diversified farming, but subject at present to floods from a local stream.

On both farms, therefore, we are struggling with very real physical difficulties which continually handicap our work. In both cases we have been forced to take relatively undeveloped tracts in the hope that, through the years, we may build more excellent properties by the devoted labors of our own people. We have counted upon the collective pattern to tip the scales in our favor. We have wanted to keep our costs low and our equipment modest because we believe that in no other way can we find a new pattern of life which can really be extended to thousands of the South's impoverished workers.

Lacking previous experience in technical operation, our initial running expenses have sometimes been too high. We are gradually learning greater efficiency. The first three years of operation have shown many genuine advances, but also the difficulties which we face. In 1936 when cotton prices were still high we had a good year. In the second year (1937) even the modest advance payments we made our people exceeded our income due to the fall in cotton prices. Increasing diversification of crops makes us less and less dependent on cotton. Thus we had only a small deficit in 1938 and expect to be "out of the red" in this year. Our problem is, of course, in miniature, the whole problem of Southern agriculture, that is, how to become free of a fateful dependence upon cotton, of which the world has such an oversupply.

At the last meeting of our Board it was agreed that we would launch an appeal for \$10,000 for our regular farm account, \$5,000 of this sum to go to new capital investment, principally in much-needed expansion of our hog farm and dairy, and \$5,000 to furnish a revolving fund to support our people while they raise the new crop. We will require yet more money to carry us through to the new harvest, but the rest of our operating budget will be raised by loans through regular government and commercial channels.

When the Trustees learned that the neighboring Pasteurizing plant was suitable for a Cooperative Creamery, which might be opened as our third cooperative project, and that this could be established for \$5,000 (\$4,000 for purchase of plant and \$1,000 for equipment and working capital), it was voted at the meeting of the Trustees on March 4, 1939 to seek to raise this amount in addition to the \$10,000 previously mentioned. We are thus asking for a total of \$15,000 for the farms and the new creamery.

In order to maintain our social services and our educational budget, we shall have to continue to appeal to a small inner circle of faithful friends for support beyond this capital investment program. The farms must be economically self-supporting but, considering the depressed economy of the South, they are not yet able to bear the cost of these necessary health and cultural services. Clinic, doctor, adult education, etc., are carried in this separate budget. These services are not merely for the farm but for the people of the neighborhood. They represent an effort to raise health and cultural standards above levels which could be borne by the economy of the South at the present time under even the most favorable circumstances.

The South recently has been officially characterized as the nation's number one economic problem. It has more of America's ill-housed, ill-clothed, and ill-fed people than any other section. In the very heart of the sharecropper region we now have two small communities whose growth and success may have great significance for the whole problem. The brush-covered ridge at Rochdale on which the first families arrived in 1936 is now the site of a community of twenty-four families, with ceilinged, screened, and painted houses with electric lights, a store, a commodious community building, a playground, a library, a school for Negro children, talking moving picture equipment, an office building and a two-story medical clinic. All buildings have been erected by members' labor and almost

entirely from farm produced lumber. The two farms include nearly five thousand acres, most of which is still uncleared.

Replacing the old plantation commissary, a consumers' cooperative store, formed on the Rochdale plan, was established on each farm. That on the Delta Cooperative Farm now has a commodious building and a yearly turnover of about sixteen thousand dollars. Its last patronage refunds were ten percent, after full deductions for amortization and reserves had been made.

Cooperative gardens, canning plants, hog farms, and dairies have been established, in each of which the workers receive advance dividends for their labor just as in the mill or the fields. Half of the wage advances are issued in farm scrip, which is exchangeable at the cooperative stores for any farm goods. By this means the community is guaranteed a market for its garden products, and a good supply of home-grown food. With his credit tokens a member may buy home-ground meal for the inevitable corn bread, molasses or cane syrup, fresh or cured pork, beef, fresh vegetables, canned fruit and vegetables, lard, milk, butter, buttermilk, chocolate milk, candy, and garments which his own cooperative community has produced.

The cooperative affords a unique opportunity for social activities which rural life in this section of the country has never before known. The community church is one of the natural outgrowths of this community setting. Another is the medical program, which is especially appealing because it reaches people who, because of poverty and isolation, have been almost entirely deprived of the benefits of medical care. Loyal friends and helpers have had a part in developing a medical unit on the farm which not only serves the local members at a small yearly per capita charge, but reaches out into the whole community as well. A fascinating program, which includes far more than merely the healing of disease, has been started. A luetic clinic has been held, with classes in child care, prenatal care, first aid, and a health week with emphasis on the prevention of disease.

Organized recreation on the farms was soon shown to be an imperative need. Even the adults seemed starved for wholesome play. Gradually square dances, games, boxing and the farm motion picture show have served to meet these needs. On both farms small libraries have been established.

The farms are still in an experimental period but evidence is accumulating along the following important lines:

1. The former sharecropper who now has the security of membership in a cooperative like ours is in a different environment, and is a very different person from what he was under the old system, with unsuspected latent resources and capacities awakened in him.

2. The cooperative way of production and distribution obviously offers advantages over tenant farming and may have advantages over individual ownership of small farms in its economic returns to individual members.

3. We are finding that Negroes and white people can work together under the cooperative plan for their mutual advantage. If both races can work on one plantation for the profit of an individual owner, they can work on a cooperative farm for their mutual profit. Though the interracial aspect of the farm presents some problems which require skilled leadership for their adjustment, they also can become the source of fruitful education for both races.

4. The cooperative community seems to furnish an excellent medium by which organized Christianity can enter the social struggle on behalf of the worst victims of the present system.

To meet the needs for extending the cooperative movement among the impoverished sharecroppers of the South, the Cooperative Foundation, Inc., has been organized to aid in financing the Cooperative Farms, Inc., of Mississippi, and similar projects. The former has been recognized by the Federal Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department in Washington so that gifts made in response to this appeal by individuals or corporations are deductible from income tax returns. We ask you for such help as you are able to give us in cash or pledges at this time. We believe that you will want to help us in this effort to make our present properties self-supporting.

We are enclosing a condensed operating statement of the Delta Cooperative Farm for 1938, as prepared by our auditors.

Contributions or pledges should be sent to Sherwood Eddy, Treasurer, Cooperative Foundation, Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City.

Reinhold Niebuhr, President
Sherwood Eddy, Secretary-Treasurer
James H. Causey
Charles S. Johnson
Arthur Raper
John Rust
William Scarlett
Sam H. Franklin, Jr., Resident Director

March 15, 1939

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT
(Not including cost of members' labor)

DELTA COOPERATIVE FARMS, ROCHDALE, MISS.
Calendar Year 1938

	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Sawmill	-	\$ 6,728.92
Cotton	-	4,050.42
Cotton Seed	-	387.30
Government Rent & Subsidy	-	1,993.01
Beef Sales	-	87.21
Canning	\$ 112.54	-
Dairy	-	1,668.16
Feed	434.35	-
Garden	-	580.43
Garment	-	371.34
Hogs	-	845.62
Picture Show	-	113.13
Poultry	-	21.21
Miscellaneous	-	1,042.64
Members' Labor	-	2,076.90
Expense (Indirect & Unallocable)	<u>6,864.69</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$ 7,411.58	
Depreciation	<u>2,823.96</u>	
	\$10,235.54	\$19,966.29
For Distribution to Members	<u>9,730.75</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$19,966.29</u>	<u>\$19,966.29</u>

WE HEREBY CERTIFY That the above and foregoing condensed statement of operations for the Delta Cooperative farms, Rochdale, Mississippi, for the calendar year 1938 is true and correct as shown by their books.

ELLIS & HIRSBERG

By B. H. Hirsberg

Certified Public Accountant

Clarksdale, Mississippi,
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Dear Christian Youth Leader:

The enclosed "Affirmation of Christian Pacifist Faith," signed by 100 leading Christians of America, is a very important statement. We urge you to study it, discuss it with your co-workers, in your young people's groups, your youth councils, your camps and colleges, and spread its message for all Christian youth to hear.

In accord with this Affirmation, we call you to join with us in making the Church increasingly aware that pacifism is the way of the Cross and of Love. Christian youth must take the lead in this challenge.

Sincerely yours,

J. Maxwell Adams, Dept. of Univ. Work, Presb. Boards
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J. Carrell Morris, Pres. Christian Youth Council of N.A.
Wim Meyer, Youth Secretary of F.O.R.
Tom Pendell, Exec. Sec. Nat. Council, Meth. Youth
Frank Olmstead, Chairman of War Resister's League
Kirby Page, Writer, lecturer, etc.
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Joan Warnshuis, New England Sec. of Student Peace Ser.
Dan West, Youth Peace Director, Church of Brethren
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March 15, 1939

Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby Page:

We receive no reply to our letter of March 1st asking you to sign a letter to Christian youth leaders, endorsing the Affirmation of Christian Pacifist Faith. We presume this is an oversight on your part or that you have been out of the office.

Because of your strategic importance in the Christian youth movement and because we are certain that you endorse this idea, we are taking the great liberty of "forging" your name on this letter which must go out at once.

Unless we receive a telegram from you at once, we will assume that this meets with your approval. If you have further suggestions on the use of this letter and Affirmation among Christian youth groups, or if you want to order some for your distribution, please let us know as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Wim Meyer
Wim Meyer

WM:MA

We are sending out 3200 of these this week, to be scattered to all leaders in the Christian Youth Movement.

Philadelphia Peace Council

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March 15, 1939


Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

✓ I had to wait for Red Schaal's return to Philadelphia before I could clear with him on the matter of our responsibility for your honorarium on Saturday, March 4. Needless to say, we wish we could make it a very substantial amount, both because of our regard for you and also because you were the life of our party. However, the Institute ended with a deficit of about \$60.00 and we have to scratch from week to week to be able to get along at all. I hope, therefore, that you will accept the enclosed check for \$20.00. It is my understanding that the balance of your fee for that day will be taken care of by the other group that used your service.

Thanking you again for your help, and with all best wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,


Orton S. Clark
Director

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Lateran accord and the settlement of the "Roman question." But between the church and any government which claims, as fascism does, the right to exercise a total control over the education of youth and over all forms of culture, there is an implicit contradiction which awaits only the occasion to develop it into a conflict. What the future may hold for the new pope in the way of problems at home, is the future's secret.

But it is scarcely a secret that Spain holds for the church the seeds of administrative, religious and moral problems that will tax the wisdom of the wisest. To a great extent the church has thrown the weight of its influence upon the side of Franco and the insurgents. Italian troops have gone into that war with banners blessed by the church. It has played its part in representing the conflict as one between atheistic bolshevism and the crusading forces of Christianity. It has striven to create the impression that the loyalists were murderous ruffians whose most characteristic activities were desecrating altars, slaughtering priests and raping nuns, while the rebels and their invading allies were practically advancing on their knees. Well, that war is over, or nearly so. There is a peace to be made and a new order of things to be set up. Having said so much about the war, the church can scarcely claim that it is none of its business to say anything about the peace. Will it view with complacency a policy of reprisals against those who have defended their country against invaders? Will it countenance vengeance against those who are accused of having done injuries to the church in the belief that the church had allied itself with their enemies?

Certainly the status of the church in Spain will have to be reestablished. What kind of status will the church demand? It is not necessary here to raise again the controversial questions concerning the church's former alleged alliance with the privileged classes in Spain. There are Catholics of high standing who say that, in so far as republican Spain was hostile to the church, it was because those who administered the authority and the property of the church had thought more of the interests of their institution than of the interests of the people. Be that as it may and letting bygones be bygones, the church will have to take its stand now either for or against a regime which will give adequate recognition to human rights and liberties and to social progress. Here the new pope, whose accession was practically simultaneous with the ending of the civil war, will have one of his most magnificent opportunities.

The coronation of Pius XII has been set for Sunday, March 12, a date still future as this is written but past in relation to the date of this paper. The United States is to be officially represented at the coronation by Ambassador Kennedy—a decision by President Roosevelt which will rouse misgiving and resentment among Protestants. The high moment in the impressive ceremony is the crowning of the pope with the triple tiara. On this article of regalia and the formula with which it is conferred, it may be instructive to quote the *Catholic Dictionary*: "The earliest representation of the tiara with three crowns is found on an effigy of Benedict XII (died 1342). The first circlet symbolizes the pope's universal episcopate, the second his supremacy of jurisdiction, and the third his temporal

supremacy. It is placed on his head at his coronation by the second cardinal deacon, with the words: '*Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns and know that thou art Father of princes and kings, Ruler of the world, Vicar of our Savior Jesus Christ.*'"

We salute the new pope with the highest respect for his admirable qualities of mind and heart and with good wishes for a long pontificate filled with all spiritual blessings. But as to the formula of his coronation, which expresses the central idea underlying all the pomp and ceremony by which he is surrounded and which so vividly impresses the imagination of the beholder, we take this opportunity of saying, in order that there may be no misunderstanding, that to us as to many millions of Protestants the world around who are joining their felicitations to ours, it is blasphemous arrogance.

Christian Pacifists Take Their Stand

ARE Christian ministers, confronted by the imminent possibility of war in Europe and by the brutal aggression of Japan in China, changing their minds about war? Eight years ago the nation was startled when a survey of half the Protestant ministers in this country, conducted by *World Tomorrow*, showed that 10,427 out of 19,372 who filled out the questionnaire declared that they would refuse their personal sanction to any future war in which the nation might engage, while 12,076 registered their conviction that "the church should now go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war." But that was 1931. This is 1939. The world of 1939 is a different world from the world of 1931. How do the ministers who were so sure where they stood on the war issue nine years ago feel about it now?

Frankly, we don't know. We hear it said that great numbers have changed their views since they answered the *World Tomorrow* questionnaire; that they now believe that situations arise in which force, used for evil ends, can only be met by force. This may or may not be true. Nobody really knows. But one thing is sure, namely, that a number of the most widely known ministers who announced their refusal to sanction another war in 1931 are standing unwaveringly by that decision today. Not only do they stand by their decision, but they are ready to affirm the cause of Christian pacifism—despite Munich and Spain and Nanking—with a depth of conviction and a wealth of supporting argument which surpasses that of nine years ago.

This has come to light because of the publication on March 6 of an "Affirmation of Christian Pacifist Faith" signed by one hundred ministers. Among the names affixed to this document we find those of William S. Abernethy, John Murray Atwood, Hugh Elmer Brown, F. W. Burnham, George Buttrick, Allan Knight Chalmers, Bernard C. Clausen, A. R. Clippinger, Henry Hitt Crane, E. LeRoy Dakin, Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Harold E. Fey, Daniel J. Fleming, Harry Emerson Fosdick, George M.

Gibson, W. E. J. Gratz, Georgia Harkness, John Haynes Holmes, Allan A. Hunter, William Lloyd Imes, Ray Freeman Jenney, Paul Jones, John Howland Lathrop, Halford E. Luccock, D. P. McGeachy, Harry C. Munro, A. J. Muste, Kirby Page, Harold C. Phillips, Clarence E. Pickett, Richard Roberts, John Nevin Sayre, Paul Scherer, Ralph Sockman, Frederick C. Stamm, Ernest Fremont Tittle and Bruce S. Wright. The affirmation which these ministers, and a host of their clerical brethren, have signed constitutes so important a document, in the light of the world situation, that we reproduce it in full.

We believe that God is the Father of all mankind, that his will as revealed in Jesus Christ is universal love, and that Christ's gospel involves the faith that evil can be overcome only with good.

We believe that in the cross is revealed God's way of dealing with wrongdoers, and that to this way all Christians are called.

We believe that war, which attempts to overcome evil with more evil, is a denial of the way of the cross.

We believe that the church is called to the way of the cross.

We believe that when the state in the prosecution of war seeks to compel the denial of the gospel, the church must resist at whatever cost.

We believe that God leads his church into new life through obedience of the individual believer in refusing war for Christ's sake.

Therefore we proclaim to a world which is once again madly preparing for war that the gospel of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, which leaves us with no other choice but to refuse to sanction or participate in war, contains also its hope of redemption. We affirm our faith that the mission of the church today is to witness with singleness of heart, at whatever cost, to the power of good to overcome evil, of love to conquer hatred, of the cross to shatter the sword.

(The seven paragraphs above are a brief summary of the important statement which follows. Together these documents present an Affirmation of Faith which we invite all whose convictions are here expressed to sign.)

As believers in the gospel of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, we hold that good is the only force which can overcome evil. Therefore we are pacifists, for the pacifist is one who in the face of hatred and war puts to the test of action the faith that the nature of God as universal love makes certain that evil must yield to good. War, whether aggressive or defensive, whether waged for a "just" or an "unjust" cause, attempts to overcome evil with more evil. We identify ourselves with the judgment uttered by the Oxford World Conference of Churches: "War involves compulsory enmity, diabolical outrage against human personality, and a wanton distortion of the truth. War is a particular demonstration of the power of sin in this world, and a defiance of the righteousness of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and him crucified." It is therefore for us as followers of Jesus Christ morally and spiritually impossible. This conviction does not originate in any political situation. It does not emerge out of any doctrinaire opinion that force is always wrong. It is not caused by a sentimental horror of bloodshed. It is simply our conviction that the gospel of Jesus Christ involves commitment to the faith that evil can only be overcome with good. If we are mistaken in this we have misunderstood the gospel.

This conviction arises from the cross, where we see God's way of dealing with wrongdoers. In the face of violence,

Jesus Christ turned away from retaliation and violent resistance. Life and property were secondary values to him. The primary question was for him and must be for us, How can the evil man be redeemed and brought into a just and friendly relationship to God and man? This redemptive purpose involved the choice of the cross. Sacrificing not only his personal safety but that of his friends and even of his cause, he won for them all immortality. Non-violent, forgiving love alone reconciles man to God and man to man. For us as well as for Jesus, to choose this way requires that we must also choose to accept whatever suffering it involves. Therefore we believe that all Christians are called to live the way of the cross today.

War and preparations for war constitute a denial of the way of the cross for they attempt to overcome evil with more evil. We cannot believe that the Christian, whose every act must accord with his supreme loyalty to the God of love, can ever in the name of Christ drop bombs on helpless women and children, which is a characteristic act of modern war, or on any of his brothers, whether soldiers or civilians. Since the method of war does not vary in accordance with its purpose, whether defensive or otherwise, we cannot believe that any kind of war is truly redemptive. The tragic dilemmas which confront humanity today because nations still trust the way of selfishness and war cannot be resolved by pointing at others as guilty, or by attempting to visit judgment upon the transgressors. We have all sinned and come short of the destiny to which God has called us. The cross convicts us of our own guilt and demands that we make restitution even to the point where we penitently bear suffering for our own and our brothers' sins. Only thus, we believe, can the vicious circle of war leading to more war be broken and a permanently peaceful international order be established. If the suffering love of the cross is not for us the concrete and living alternative to the infliction of suffering in hatred on others in war, if it does not today constitute for us the basis for a lively hope of overcoming war, then it seems to us that we have rejected Christ not only as a moral guide for humanity but also as the Savior of the world.

We believe that the church as well as the Christian is called to the way of the cross. It is the body of Christ and is created by his spirit to carry on his redemptive work. The church belongs to Christ and is not dependent on any other power. False concern for institutional welfare sometimes makes the church forget that her sole guide is the life and teachings of her Master. The imminence of the universal death, destruction and hatred of world-wide war, however, requires that the church repent and set her house in order for a day of great trial and the privilege of participating in cosmic processes of redemption which may yet save the world from destruction. Her only commission is to witness in words and deeds to Christ's way which is the way of the cross. Refusal at whatever cost to abandon its ministry of reconciliation is itself a deed of constructive witness to the gospel.

Today no greater challenge to the way of the cross lies before the church than in her relations with the state. Centuries of effort to build civilization on a secular basis and feverish policies of armament and empire have brought the state today to the place where increasingly it is claiming absolute power. To unify and prepare itself for war it attempts to assume control not only of the bodies, but also of the consciences of men. The church cannot tolerate having the state become an authority in the moral realm. Under no circumstances can it grant to the state the right to claim from Christians the supreme loyalty which belongs only to God. Being concerned with eternal values the church must

challenge the temporal concerns of the state and stand in judgment upon it whenever it violates, or commands Christians who may be its citizens to violate, the love of God or the brotherhood of man. This already has come to mean persecution, and it will yet involve even more, but the church has no more right to expect exemption from suffering than her Lord.

The church will discover new truth and fresh power through the obedience of the individual church member to his Lord. The way of Christ is always open and the need for a living witness in faith was never greater than today. The Christian is never shut up to a situation in which he has no choice but to do wrong. Wars come, but Christians need not take part in them and thus on command of the state commit sin against their primary allegiance to God. On the other hand the inescapable pervasiveness and imminence of war offers opportunity for witness to the way of love on such a scale that through God's grace incalculable influences for peace may even now be loosed by courageous and faithful loyalty at whatever cost.

We stand at a crisis in history where the most solemn responsibility rests upon each Christian and upon the Christian church. In such an hour we call upon the church to trust God and to resist evil only with good, repudiating utterly all war and repenting prayerfully of all ways of life which lead to war, accepting the full cost and responsibility of the cross. If this involves persecution by the Caesars of our day, we call upon the church to enter into deeper fellowship with that church which refused to serve in Caesar's armies, and to invite into its unbreakable spiritual community the men and women of all lands who pray night and day for peace. In contrition and deep faith, we reaffirm our undivided loyalty to the universal God of love and to the church of him who refused to be Caesar or to overcome Caesar with Caesar's weapons. We proclaim to a world which is once again madly preparing for war that the gospel of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, which leaves us with no other choice but to refuse to sanction or participate in war, contains also its hope of redemption. We declare our conviction that the mission of the church today is to witness with singleness of heart at whatever cost to the power of good to overcome evil, of love to conquer hatred, of the cross to shatter the sword.

The hundred ministers who have signed this affirmation are confident that they do not stand alone. They have extended an open invitation to any in the Christian ministry who hold the same views to attach their names. Such additional signatures, it is stated, should be sent to the Rev. Allan Knight Chalmers, minister of the Broadway Tabernacle of New York, at 2929 Broadway in that city.

The Dumpish Pilgrims

EDITOR THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY:

SIR: I need not apologize for the word "dumpish"; it is in Bunyan and that will admit it with flying colors to your columns. "Pass, friend!" the vigilant editor will say. To such as are "dumpish" I am prepared to give advice: Take a turn or two in the past.

I should not be surprised to learn that now and then you feel very downhearted, especially when you measure the church not so much against the standard of its critics

but against its own standard. You wonder in such moments how in the world it is going to survive. In such times as these the words of the prophet often come back to me: "If thou hast run with the footmen and they have wearied thee, how shalt thou contend with horses?" That is how the case stands. If things become worse than they are today, what is to become of us?

When such thoughts rise, I go to the shelves where the church histories are kept. I take down one which is worthy of trust—not a piece of propaganda, but an honest history which keeps a just perspective and does not pretend that the blots on the picture are disguised adornments.

No! I do not want, when dumpish, simply to dwell upon golden deeds, and to be reminded that my fathers were "high-minded men" and that I must pull myself together and be high-minded and call upon myself and others to contrast our low estate with the glorious days of old. History ought to tell me about the giants, but if it is true history it will tell me also that our fathers could on occasion be as low-minded as we are.

It is a mixed story, because it is a story of human material—used by a divine hand, but none the less human and therefore capable of rising high and sinking low. The noblest of the children of men are there, and the basest. There were the saints of whom the world was not worthy, and the anything-but-saints. Some of them kept to the highway, but there was no bypath or blind alley which some of them did not explore. Some of them suffered the loss of all things; others made the Christian religion a source of considerable emoluments.

It is a mixed story; but it is not to discover others uncommonly like myself that I go to it. There is no comfort in that. But there is good cheer in the thought that the church has lived in spite of all the failures of its people. That is the miracle which at any rate helps me when I am in the depths.

As I read on, I come to places that make me say, "It is all over now; there is no conceivable reason why this society should not die!" But it does not die. And I am ready to believe that it has resources and allies beyond my reckoning.

If I were invited to deliver a discourse in defense of the church I should not dwell entirely on its achievements. I should not declare that it set the slaves free and gave a new dignity to womanhood. (Between ourselves, I cannot forget what a precious long time it took over such things!) I should freely admit what imperfect human material had to be used; I should deliver a powerful passage on the crimes committed by the church; and I should then defiantly inquire why this very poor and imperfect society has lived—why it has put forth fresh shoots out of dry ground, and on the day set apart for its obsequies has arisen and walked.

I put the book back with the conviction that dumpishness is perhaps a sign of egotism, and in the last resort the church of God does not depend on the moods of me and others like me. If it did, the gates of hell would long ago have prevailed against it.

Ever yours "tuning from the bass,"

QUINTUS QUIZ.

203 N W 5th
Evansville Ind.

3-17-39

Mr Ruby Page,
New York City,
N. Y.

Dear Mr Page,

our Sunday School
class has been studying your book
"Living Creatively" - it surely is a
fine presentation of a very important
matter.

would you be kind enough to
tell me of ~~some~~ the organization
which you feel is the most worthy
of receiving money as I have an
insurance policy which I wish to
be made out in favor of those who
need it most.

enclose an addressed, stamped
envelope for your convenience. Thanking
you in advance for your kind advice
Sincerely
Paul Cantre

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 17, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

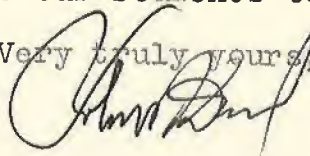
Dear Mr. Page:

Mrs. Max Yergan, our
Dean of Women has brought to my
attention your gift of the follow-
ing books:

MUST WE GO TO WAR?
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SOCIAL ACTION

We wish to thank you for
these valuable additions to our
library and are happy to call the
attention of our students to them.

Very truly yours,



Robert P. Daniel
President

RPD:s

PROGRAM

Friday - March 17

- 3:00-8:00 p.m. - Registration and room assignments
- 8:00-10:00 - Recreation "get acquainted session"
(Possibly brief introductory speech by Kirby Page)

Saturday - March 18

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. - Breakfast (Self-service in the cafeteria)
- 8:00-8:30 - Worship
- 8:45-10:15 - Platform Hour with Kirby Page
 - 8:45-9:30 Address
 - 9:30-9:50 Forum
 - 9:50-10:15 Buzz session
- 10:15-11:00 Period of conversation, consultation with staff, etc.
- 11:00-12:15 - Work sessions on leadership and organization
- 12:30-2:00 - Noon meal and rest time
- 2:00-3:30 - Platform hour
- 3:30-4:00 - Informal conversation
- 4:00-5:30 - Work sessions on Program Emphases
 - Personal Relations
 - Re-interpretation of Religion
 - World Affairs
 - Personal Attitudes toward Conflict
 - Economics and Labor
 - Presidents' meeting
- 5:30-6:30 - Free Period
- 6:30-8:00 - Estes Banquet
- 8:00-11:15 - Recreation

Sunday - March 19

- 8:00-9:00 - W.S.C.F. Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 - Closing Platform Hour with Kirby Page

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For Individual or Book Study

Religious Sources for Personal Living and Social Action. By Kirby Page. (Farrar and Rinehart. \$2.00.)

Here we have another of the author's guide books to a dynamic and personal religion, written especially for these days of personal insecurity and frustration, social conflict and disintegration. With many of us thinking as we have never thought before concerning these things, may we not well ask, with the author, how we can experience the deeper satisfactions of life and render maximum service to society? His answer to this insistent question is that it is not enough to convert individuals or even to change the structure of society. Both are indispensable as he sees the trail ahead of us.

Most refreshing in Kirby Page's writing is his universality of outlook, for there is scarcely any type of source material, literature, science, sociology, economics, etc., upon which he does not draw to amplify his basic theme of a worth-while personal (not anthropomorphic) God and the personal worth of the individual, whatever his race or class. Nor does he miss objectivity, for the book is arranged for either individual or group study, while the program is such as to promise something besides sterility of effort for such groups as Adult Bible Classes, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor Societies, Men's and Women's Clubs, especially where the procedure has been to furnish social guidance, or even entertainment, on a less approvable intellectual basis.

Thus, the first part of the book deals with a program and discipline for meeting these problems of the individual and society today. Its seven chapters are concerned in order with the Ideal, the Actual, Concern for the Gulf between the Ideal and the Actual, Transformation of the Actual into the Ideal, Proceeding Resolutely when Confronted with the Consequent Opposition and Suffering, Comradeship in Thought and Prayer and Action, and the Worship of God—a basic theme for each day of the week. There follows an anthology of verse and prose similarly planned, with relevant daily reading for fourteen weeks. The remaining parts are a study outline for the fourteen-week period, of particular use to discussion groups and the like, while the book concludes with a number of worship services for special occasions.

Have you ever had the experience of following out a planned, rejuvenating routine of this type, which is an excellent way of refocusing attention on one's earlier experiences? Your reviewer can testify

that it is a worth-while adventure and he can thus heartily recommend this book for all who are troubled by the problems with which it deals.

N. M. Grier.

Myerstown, Pa.

A Contribution to Reconstructive Thinking

It Is Later Than You Think. By Max Lerner. (Viking Press. \$2.50.)

Would you save democracy? He who answers with an earnest affirmative will wish to read this book. Once accepting the author's picture of world conditions as a "sick-bed conference," and granting his prognosis that old-fashioned capitalism is already passing and can never cure its own breakdown, the reader will decide, perhaps with some concern, that here is an urgently important contribution to economic, political and patriotic thinking—"if you mean democracy." With a book so direct, unflinching, arousing, in its analysis and proposed plan of action, a natural question arises as to the author. Max Lerner, formerly editor of *The Nation*, now professor of political science at Williams College, having for three years as an editor waded through other men's efforts to solve contemporary issues, attempts his "revenge." Different mind-set may prevent agreement, but here analysis and solution are ably pressed with relentless logic and scintillating style. There is not a dull page in the book.

The author states as his faith that there is nothing so perilous, exciting and rewarding as the adventure of democracy. It is the best instrument for giving us the kind of world we wish to live in. But it must learn the ways of bullies and take its own part. The great battle of our generation is over what democracy means and how it can survive.

But the tragedy is not alone fascism, more the liberalism grown spiritless, Hamlet-like, in a time when victory comes to those who make up their minds. Liberalism was once a battling faith, a progressive, realistic economic-political program which in large measure freed our civilization from the iron grip of the past. Now it is fear-bound, afraid to trust its own democratic principles, an unconscious ally of reaction, striving to live in a "never-never land" and to sail "a painted ship upon a painted ocean." The classical liberal principles are still essentials—civil liberties, tolerance, sanctity of life, cultural diversity, career open to talent—but it is a question of cultural survival. The old landmarks are gone. Bigness of economic effort is inevitable; the imperatives are to control it for democratic ends by democratic procedure—the new liberalism, "Democratic Collectivism." There

is no longer any choice. Economic planning must come, either by corporations until, with an economy of restriction, they become the corporate state—fascism—rigid control, forced labor, continued threat of war, or, planning by democratic principle and richer life for the millions. Our "crisis state" is caught between "we dare not" and "we must." Whenever the government attempts constructive action, there is "loss of business confidence" and collapse. Whenever it yields to corporate complaint, it obstructs the necessary program. The road to fascism is by way of economic collapse, political paralysis, hysteria. "It is later than you think!"

Democracy, if it is to survive, must have the wit, the skill, the courage, to fulfill its promise, legally, carrying the majority, or it is not worth the effort. It must maintain civil liberties for all, not fall into the violent repressions of fascists and communists. The majority already has its government and power. It is not called upon to commit suicide by permitting autonomous military bands and counter-revolution.

Democratic collectivism is the only hope. This does not mean rationing, or abolition of private property, or leveling of income. What the author does mean he would wish to have found in his book. He pins his faith on the "common man" and the middle class, if they are kept honestly informed. No one man is necessary to the success of the cause, though leaders of courage, integrity, and political skill (good demagogues) are tremendously important. Power is what you make it. The United States, with its democratic traditions, offers high hopes that the change can be peaceably made.

And the goal? It is humanism for the millions—creativity, warm human decency, joy in work and play, sanctity of life. There is risk involved, but there is more in drift or reaction. History is written by the survivors. It is later than you think!

The book makes rich, rewarding reading, urgent, but not hysterical. It is not entirely comforting—the chapter heads, nevertheless, intrigue one's interest: "Lament for the Liberal." "Civilization Is a Death Dance." "The Left in Retreat." "Democracy: Mask and Face." "Planning as an Imperative." "The Career of the Crisis State." "Power Is What You Make It." Agree or not with the thesis, one is yet compelled to admit that here is an important contribution to reconstructive thinking.

Gustave H. Leining.

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Sidewalk Sermons. By Roy L. Smith. (Abingdon Press. \$1.50.)

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Dr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir,

I have just finished reading your most recent book entitled "Religious Resources" and find it a true inspiration to youth. It contains that challenge which the Christian youth of the world are looking for. As a leader of youth in Illinois I will find many uses for it in building worship programs that contain an inspiration and challenge.

Recently in economics class I quoted the verse from the poem by Paul Engle found on page 468 in your book. The class and the instructor doubted the validity of the reference made to killing and plowing under of farm animals and crops. They said that the hogs were killed but that they were then used for food. I would like to have you send such proof as I know you will have concerning the question at hand. The verse ran something like this:

"Your way, America.

Yet now I see

In Alabama cotton burned, in Iowa
Hogs slaughtered and buried, in Montana
Wheat plowed under, This is not your way
America. Remember--if one man eats
While others starve, his food is cursed
The bread line is a rope will strangle you."

Sincerely in the work of Christian
Youth in Illinois..

Glen H. Sims
Glen Sims

Chairman Commission of World Peace

March 24, 1939

My dear Mr. Sims:

Thank you for your letter of March 18. I am so glad that you are finding the new book helpful. You must remember that the poem by Paul Engle is a poem! and therefore must not be taken too literally.

As a matter of fact, it is easy to prove that the kind of thing to which he made reference is habitual. Near our home here is a huge orange dump where truck loads of oranges are dumped constantly in order to keep the prices up. The Department of Agriculture in its endeavor to raise prices in order to rescue farmers from extinction at one time deliberately killed hogs. What they did with the meat I am not sure.

Carry on!

Cordially yours,

Mr. Glen W. Sims
228 West Beecher
Jacksonville, Ill.

KP:MK

March 24, 1939

My dear Mr. Cantner:

Your important letter has just arrived and I am keenly interested in what you have written. I enclose a leaflet about the Fellowship of Reconciliation. In my judgment you could wisely make this organization the beneficiary of your insurance policy.

I am so glad that you found LIVING CREATIVELY helpful.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Paul Cantner
203 N. W. 5th
Evansville, Ind.

Encl.
KP:MK

March 25, 1939

Dear Harold:

I am sorry for the long delay in replying to your letter of February 16. It was sent to me on tour and then returned, which accounts for the long delay.

I do appreciate what you have written about the possibility of my going to China. I am giving the matter most serious consideration, but I must confess that doubts loom bigger and blacker in my mind about the practicability of my going. There is no use wailing about it, but our family finances are in terrible shape. I am trying to help our son and my brother get started here on the place. Then I am carrying Mary's full expenses in New Haven this year and have just had to spend \$1,000 getting mother established in a little home nearby. I have already appealed to all my regular contributors, and do not know where to turn for additional funds. You see, I have to provide not merely for the traveling expense to the Orient, but must replace loss of earnings for four months. The combination is really serious.

Moreover, I am not at all confident that we would be able to travel freely in China and that we would have access to the people we really wanted to see. This all means that while my mind is still open I am more and more doubtful about the feasibility of my going.

I wish that I could see you more often.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Harold E. Fey
2929 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

KP:MK

March 25, 1939

Dear Jerome:

I have just returned home after an extended absence and I am sorry for the long delay in replying to your important letter. There never was any suggestion that my visit to Yale would be more than the one term. I am too much impressed with the importance of my regular work and too strongly attracted in that direction to consider a full time permanent teaching position. Nothing was said by the Dean and surely I said nothing whatever about the possibility of anything beyond the lectures during the fall term.

I really had a grand time with the classes and was pleased with the response that I received. The Dean was extremely ~~am~~cordial throughout. I was most pleased by the fact that Dr. Tweedy sat through four hours most of the Wednesdays. He was a great joy to me.

I think Liston Pope has great possibilities. He is on the way up and I am confident he will render significant services.

Mary is having a really thrilling time in New Haven and we are greatly pleased with the progress she is making. You may remember that Mary attended Oakwood School at Poughkeepsie. This is a Quaker Co-ed Prep School. The Headmaster, Will Reagan, is an impressive person. We were altogether pleased with what the school did for Mary. You might find it worthwhile to have a talk with Will Reagan.

I heard something of the disgraceful situation at Newark, but would be glad to have full details if you care to send them. It is a source of deep regret to me that I do not get to see you more often.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Jerome Davis
489 Ocean Avenue
West Haven, Conn.

KP:MK

March 25, 1939

Dear Wim:

Upon returning home after a long absence I find your letter of March 15. Unfortunately I did not receive your former letter and therefore did not reply. I am so glad that you used my signature. Of course, I am enthusiastic about this project.

Please let me know the price of the reprints by the hundred and by the thousand.

I wish that I could see you more often.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Wim Meyer
2929 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

KP:MK

March 25, 1939

My dear Mr. Petty:

Upon my return home after a long absence I find your good letter of March 9. I hope that the books reached you promptly. It was nice of you to write as you did. I greatly enjoyed the luncheon and hope that our paths will cross again.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Ben A. Petty
1039 State St.
New Orleans, La.

KP:MK

March 25, 1939

My dear Mr. Thomas:

Your important letter has been forwarded to me and I am sorry for the long delay in replying. I think the best way to answer your question is to send you a copy of my book, MUST WE GO TO WAR? If you want to keep it you can send me 50¢ to cover the cost, otherwise send it back to me when you have read it.

I am so glad that you are seriously studying international questions. Keep up the good work.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Preston O. Thomas
Route 4, Box 234
Olympia, Washington

KP:MK

March 25, 1939

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Upon my return home after a long absence I find your letter of March 6. I am so glad that you took time to write as you did. I am in complete agreement with what you say about the desirability of hearing the point of view presented by Dr. Judd. Moreover, he is an affectionate personal friend for whom I have unbounded admiration.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Edwin M. Wilson
3601 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Penn.

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COMING PERSONALITIES

On Sunday evening, April 2, it is the privilege of the Sunday Evening Club to present as its speaker **Dr. John C. Bennett** of the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley. The subject of his address is to be "Intellectual Honesty and Religious Faith."

As Professor in the Department of Christian Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Dr. Bennett is qualified to discuss this interesting topic from both an academic and a religious point of view.

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MR. KIRBY PAGE

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TONIGHT'S PERSONALITIES

We are pleased to present as our speaker this evening, **Mr. Kirby Page**, noted author and religious and peace leader. As a student of world affairs and international problems Mr. Page has spent a great deal of time abroad, having crossed the ocean some twenty times and visited nearly forty countries.

His numerous volumes on religious, economic and social questions have sold nearly a million copies and been translated into many languages. Mr. Page is now Contributing Editor of the "Christian Century."

Judge Edward Brand, Judge of the Superior Court, is chairman for the evening. Judge Brand is affiliated with the United States Naval Reserves and is a member of the Jewish faith.

Mr. Eugene Pearson, baritone, is this evening's soloist.

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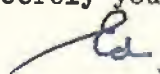
347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

March 27, 1939.

Dear Kirby:

Shall you be in the east around April 20th? Could you meet with a group of secretaries from smaller communities in the east that afternoon for an hour or two to work with them on issues confronting Christians today? We shall meet at the Riverside Church. There is a lot to be said for doing this if it is manageable at all. I hope you will say it is. What are the desirable terms, too?

Sincerely yours,



J. E. Sproul

Mr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
LaHabra, Calif.

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Dr. Kirby Page

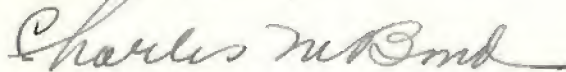
Dear Dr. Page:

Please forgive the tardiness of this note. I should have written you earlier to express my appreciation of the splendid help you gave us in the Pocono Conference. It seemed to me that we had a very rich experience together and that the conference was a happy one.

If there are suggestions for the Planning Committee of next year which you care to make, I will be very glad to see that they are forwarded to the responsible party.

I presume that you were able to clear with Mrs. Robison with reference to your expense account. If, for any reason, this has not been cleared to your satisfaction, please advise me.

Very cordially yours,



Charles M. Bond

CMB; rs

305
2969 Vernon Ave.
Chicago, Ill.
Mar. 28, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page,

I have never written to express my appreciation of your group at Estes Park of which I was privileged to be a member for part of the three weeks. It has meant a continuing of my former convictions during these weeks of hate and propaganda, however, and a deepening of my faith in the rightness of those convictions.

I may be an alternate delegate to the Adult group at Lake Geneva this summer where I have recently learned you are to be a resource leader. I am very glad for the group that you are to be there, and hope I may learn much from the group. My chief task at present is that of teaching college girls how to lead youth and children in church and club groups, but I shall always have much interest in the developments of adult education.

Will you please send the four volumes listed on the flier for the three dollars enclosed?

My work at this school has the most possibilities for Christian teaching of any task I have had, and I am very glad to be here. My best wishes and regards to Mrs. Page.

Cordially yours,

Nellie M. Wagar

(Nellie M. Wagar
Baptist Missionary Training School)

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LaHabra, California

Dear Mr Page,

"Thank you exceedingly for the
book "Religious Resources".

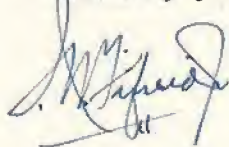
We shall take it with us on
our trip and enjoy it greatly.

If you are near my church prior
to Easter, stop in and autograph
it with a sentiment in remembrance
of Sunday night or something of the
sort. Miss Moore will have the book-

I have a prized collection of autogra-
phed books to which I should like to
add this one.

It was good to hear you again-

Cordially yours,



NEBRASKA PEACE COUNCIL
LEON THOMSON, Executive Sec'y
1005 Terminal Bldg. Lincoln, Nebr.

MAR 30 1939

Dear Kirby:

I thoroughly enjoyed your visit here and appreciated your giving me a copy of your newest book. But the thing I am dropping you this card for is to tell you a number of us are initiating a Nebraska unit of the F.O.R. April 14 at a breakfast. To a select list we are sending an invitation to make the F.O.R. pledge. We feel it will be specially good for us to band ourselves together in spirit in days like these. If you care to send a message for us to read at that breakfast, I am sure the group will receive it with a real welcome.

Leon

F.O.R. Leaders Stir South

By CONSTANCE RUMBOUGH

Muriel Lester. The South is already keenly anticipating Muriel Lester's ten-day visit in its area next October. It is now definite that she will be in New Orleans, La.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Jackson, Miss., and at Hendrix College.

Lakeland, Florida, District Conference. The all-day conference at Lakeland, Florida, on February 20th, proved all that was expected of it and more. Kirby Page led a group of fifty *Fellowship* members and friends in a keen discussion of pacifist methods both in international relationships, and especially in the field of labor which was the emphasis of the conference. The evening meeting was open to the public and Mr. Page gave witness to pacifist convictions to a full church. As a result of the conference, new members were added to the *Fellowship*, and chairmen were appointed to set up groups in St. Petersburg, Tampa, Gainesville and Lakeland. Follow-up meetings with Constance Rumbough are being arranged in these points and others in Florida.

Kirby Page also served the *Fellowship* recently in Jackson, Mississippi and in Birmingham, Alabama. In Jackson his meeting was sponsored by the Business Girls' Club of the Y.W.C.A. The young women and their friends felt greatly stirred and enlightened by his message and the alert discussion which followed it. In Birmingham, he spent some time between trains on the campus of Birmingham Southern College. Dr. Raymond Paty the new president, is a member of the Southern F.O.R. Committee.

In addition to these meetings directly arranged by the *Fellowship*, Kirby Page has spoken on peace and explained the principles of the F.O.R. all along the route of his southern lecture tour this spring.

Nevin Sayre's Itinerary eagerly anticipated in the South has been completed. The statistics of it he compiled himself. Eighteen cities were visited; forty-four meetings addressed; a total of about 6,200 persons reached; in seventeen days beginning in Virginia and extending through Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and across Texas to El Paso. It was strenuous, he admitted, but "good fun!"

About his visit some one wrote, "Harold Fey sowed (last fall) and Nevin Sayre reaped!" Certain it is, there has been a distinct awakening of interest. From the cities and colleges which he visited requests are piling in for help in learning more about such pacifist teachings.

Many different types of meetings were arranged. First there were the vitally important *Fellowship* gatherings of members and like-minded friends. In Richmond, Virginia, forty representative citizens gathered on the in-

itation of the small group of members; thirty met in the home of Wilma and William Ludlow in Knoxville, Tennessee, fifty at a supper meeting in Nashville; twenty in an afternoon forum in Jackson, and at a supper at LeMoyné College in Memphis, the meeting was characterized by deep fellowship and a high spiritual quality. To this meeting two members came a hundred miles from Oxford, Mississippi, and another a hundred and fifty from Conway, Arkansas. All along the route smaller groups of members met.

Then there were open meetings and church services. On one of his Sundays in the area, Dr. Sayre conducted the

service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Memphis and the same evening aroused the young people of St. Mary's Cathedral to ask eager questions in a prolonged discussion. Another Sunday at Waco, Texas, he preached at the First Baptist Church in the morning, and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the evening.

College campuses had a full share of his time. Large universities, colored colleges, and boys and girls of a junior college were all served alike. Starting at Hollins College in Virginia, he spoke at Richmond University, Lynchburg College, Peabody College, Fisk University, Scarritt College, LeMoyné, Millsaps, Jackson College, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Louisiana State University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Teachers College, and Texas Woman's College.

What Is the Frazier Amendment?

By TRACY D. MYGATT

THE Frazier Resolution is a proposed Constitutional Amendment now before Congress to abolish all armed preparedness and thus genuinely to outlaw war. It deserves the support of all pacifists.

Far from feeling that the effort for independent disarmament is premature, the Women's Peace Union (4 Stone St., N. Y.), which, with Hon. Lynn J. Frazier, the courageous "dirt farmer" of North Dakota, has been its main proponent, believes that it is overdue. For the seeds of war are in our Constitution which grants Congress the power to prepare for, declare and carry on war. And until this instrument of 1789 is geared to the best ethics and common sense of a century and a half later, we shall continue to exist in the curious anomaly of a Kellogg Pact which renounces war; a Constitution that permits it; and an arms appropriation just passed of such appalling magnitude as may well stagger even "moderate," "practical," "only-for-defense-of-the-soil" advocates!

Senator Frazier said in Congress on May 8, 1936, when asked if he would "do away with an army and a navy altogether":

"I certainly would. . . . If we are going to have disarmament and peace, Mr. President, I believe we must go the limit. We cannot talk about adequate defense and at the same time talk of disarmament or peace."

Yet that is precisely what we (and the England we love so well), have done. Loudly bemoaning the state of the world, failing to realize that with air warfare today, even on grounds of expediency arms are powerless to protect, most peace-wishers have turned a deaf ear to Independent Disarmament. And, as it seems to me, there

has been a tragic lack of imagination to realize that, pitching their tents only on the skidding terrain of so-called defensive armament, they have deprived themselves of the urgent need to preach the techniques of non-military resistance, and energetically remove the present crying causes of offense. All of which may be a measurable part of the reason why, these mid-March days, we fear to dial our radios, or pick up our morning papers, lest the dragons' teeth which were sowed so arrogantly every one of these twenty years, may have sprung to logical and diabolic stature!

More than ever now the cry for disarmament must be raised. Speak out! Write your letters to Senators and Congressmen. And let us know of your work. And I beg, not merely as the secretary of the Women's Peace Union which, an outpost of militant political pacifism, struggles forward on starvation diet, but as a member, since 1915, of the F.O.R., that you think through this Amendment where sober law is caught up into the passionate reality of religion!

"War for any purpose shall be illegal, and neither the United States nor any state, territory, association, or person subject to its jurisdiction shall prepare for, declare, engage in, or carry on war or other armed conflict, expedition, invasion, or undertaking, within or without the United States, nor shall any funds be raised, appropriated or expended for such purpose."

Ponder the words of S.J.Res. 25. For stumbling-block and foolishness as they are to some, surely they have a deep relation to the "strategy of love," to the Cross itself, that Cross which was surely suffered for the healing of the nations!

NATIONAL PACIFIST YOUTH CONFERENCE

CHARLES R. WEIDNER
3616 FORTY SIXTH AVE. SO.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

April 1, 1939

Kirby Page
Box 724
La Habra, California

Dear Friend:

At the Youth Committee Against War conference held in Columbus last December, some thirty pacifist delegates met together a couple of times to discuss their mutual problems.

As we surveyed our position as pacifists, we found two things to be true. 1. By and large, pacifists today are unorganized--there is no unity between teams, and a feeling of fellowship has not been built up as it might be. 2. As pacifists, we have never formulated together a clear and concise statement of our philosophy and program--no well-developed plan of constructive pacifism. In other words, we have not as yet earned our right to be pacifists or to be recognized as such on a national scale.

In order to try to fill the above needs, we felt that a National Pacifist Youth Conference should be called for this summer. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown by the delegates present, and the group left after endorsing the idea of a national conference, and choosing me as chairman.

Since then the War Resisters League and the Student Peace Service have endorsed the National Pacifist Youth Conference. The F.O.R. has not been heard from. Plans for the conference are being gotten under way by an executive council formed of delegates to the Columbus conference and other young pacifists from all parts of the country. The conference will be held from June 26 to June 29. Camp Alexander Mack in Milford, Indiana, has been chosen as the location.

We would very much like to have you attend the conference as a speaker and leader if you are free at that time. However, like most pacifist organizations, we will have very limited funds. What would be the expenses entailed in having you attend the conference?

I would appreciate an early reply so that the program can be definitely arranged. I hope that you can be with us to help strengthen the pacifist movement.

Fraternally,

Chuck Weedner

Chairman,
National Pacifist Youth Conference

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Dr. Kirby Page
Box 247
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July 9-

Dear Kirby:

I just have a telegram from Mrs. James H. Speer, who is Program Chairman for the National Council of Church Women which is combining with the United Christian Adult Movement Commission for services at Lake Geneva on July 9. She says, "We enthusiastically endorse Page for Sunday morning." Therefore, I am sure that you will have a great opportunity on Sunday morning for the sermon address to a very significant group of people.

In talking with Miss Daisy June Trout, who is Executive President of the National Council of Church Women and who has her offices here with us, about the Sunday morning program I told her something of the message which you gave at Lansing last October when you and I were together. She felt that that would be one of the finest things that we could have at this Lake Geneva Sunday morning meeting. In that address, as I recall, you based the attitude of the Christian in a world of violence and turmoil such as ours upon the attitude and practice of Jesus in a very similar world. I know such an address will bring great reassurance to many people who believe in pacifism but whose faith is a little shaken by the present situation.

As I recall, you are coming to Lake Geneva from somewhere in Pennsylvania. You can arrive in Chicago on Sunday morning, July 9, and get a morning train up to Williams Bay in time for the church service. When the summer schedules on the railroad are available I will correspond with you in more detail about getting there.

Personally, I am greatly delighted that you can make this kind of a start with our group. It will give you an acquaintance with the entire group from the very beginning, and I think will help to hold some of the women who were there primarily for the women's meeting over into our Adult Conference. This was one of the purposes of having a joint meeting.

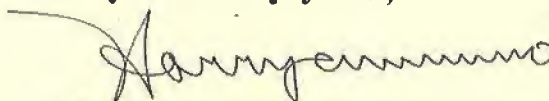
Dr. Kirby Page - page 2

April 3, 1939

Your first vesper service will come Monday evening. On Sunday evening we are having another joint service which will take the place of the vesper service and for which we are seeking to secure someone who was in the Madras Conference.

It's great to know we are going to have you at Lake Geneva for this important week.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry C. Munro".

Harry C. Munro

HCM:W

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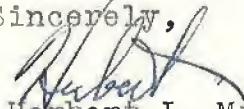
Mr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby:

You did your usual good job of writing in preparing the series on "Understanding Jesus" for FRONT RANK. The spirit of the articles as well as the interpretation of the significance of Jesus will prove most helpful to our readers.

I know this writing has been an added burden to you in your busy schedule. We appreciate the contribution you have made.

Sincerely,



Herbert L. Minard.

HLM:JV

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PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

MINISTER
GROSS W. ALEXANDER

April 4, 1939.

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Calif.

My dear Kirby:

On September 29, last, I got a letter from Barbara B. Parker, Secretary to Mr. Sherwood Eddy, of 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, in which she acknowledged finding a large package of books and pamphlets which I had left in the office during the summer. We were transferred to New Jersey, as of July 15, and arrived here the first week in August, bringing these books as part of our freight goods.

The books were left from our Annual Conference, in Idaho, and a few were sold, but disappointingly few. The very day (Sunday) that our conference adjourned there, my wife and I decided to make the trip to Berea, Kentucky to the Second National Conference of Methodist Youth, and took a half-dozen or more young people with us. The money that came in for the books was in charge of one of our young men, and he turned it over to the local financial secretary, inasmuch as this seemed to be the wisest disposition of the money. Several other such funds were pooled into one common treasury and disbursed for several purposes. Two or three of the claims against the fund were not met, including Eddy & Page. Mr. Eddy's secretary wrote that she had discussed the whole matter with you, and that you agreed that, under the circumstances, the only thing to do would be to drop the matter entirely. This was very kind, but does not satisfy me, personally. Of course, the church in Pocatello is responsible for the money, but they are not minded to recognize various moral and legal responsibilities. So I am trying to settle the matter, if agreeable, as follows:

Inclosed is \$5.00 to apply on this account. I sent you another \$5.00 for registration at the Lake George conference last summer; and it was never returned. I would like to get you to apply on this book account of Eddy & Page the total of \$10.00, and let it be listed as coming from me.

Also, I got your circular about 4 volumes of your books for \$3. Would you be willing to let me have ONE copy of LIVING CREATIVELY, and ONE copy of LIVING COURAGEOUSLY, and TWO copies of RELIGIOUS RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL LIVING AND SOCIAL ACTION, for the \$3, instead of the regular offer? If not, please let me have TWO copies of the latter (RELIGIOUS RESOURCES), and ONE copy of LIVING COURAGEOUSLY. And, will you be so kind as to write in one of the copies the name

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of a young woman who has paid a terrific price for her liberalism, (whose liberalism is to be attributed to you to some extent), together with your own name? I would like to send this book to her, immediately, as a gift and recognition of genuine courage and true devotion. If, therefore, you would write in RELIGIOUS RESOURCES the name of Helen L. Austin (perhaps including such a statement as "In recognition of her courage and devotion"), it would greatly please her and would be a personal favor to me, too. Of course, with your autograph. (The other copy of RELIGIOUS RESOURCES is for my own use, and while I should like to have you autograph my copy, this is not necessary.)

One thing further is this: What would you think of a NATIONAL conference of the religious leaders of the left to face the issues and take the lead in matters of applied religion? With things drifting as they are, I wonder if this would not be eminently worth while, while there is yet time. I feel desperately the need of a real fellowship with those of like mind, something other than the fellowship of reconciliation, of which I am a member. Something that is inter-denominational, and would call the great spirits of the church together. We're going to hang separately, as they say if we don't hang together. I'm not afraid of the hanging, but want to get in some good licks first, and as much publicity as possible out of it, as a means of further service. Why not?

Would you give me your estimate of the National Religion and Labor Foundation, if you have time, and of the United Christian Council for Democracy?

Thanking you, and very heartily,



Gross W. Alexander.

P. S.

Please let me have the copy of RELIGIOUS RESOURCES for Miss Austin just as soon as utterly possible, with your autograph. The other books will be welcome, when they arrive.

G. W. A.

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SHERWOOD EDDY

. 52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

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over
April 6, 1939 100⁰⁰

Dear Kirby:

I am writing in some haste, for, as usual, we are pretty well swamped. I am sending herewith our check for \$100, and I hope to be able to send you \$200 more some-time in May. Of course, you realize that we can't make any promises about this, as we never know just how we are going to stand at any given time.

This payment of \$100 leaves a balance of only \$700 due on Mr. Eddy's pledge to you for the year September 1, 1939 to August 31, 1940.

I am glad to have a copy of your schedule. It looks a bit heavy to me, but at least you always have the prospect ahead of returning home to sunny California.

Yours,

Barbara

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

P.S. We have just received the sad news of Jessica's death last Sunday at her sister's home. I do not know many details - just that she was very ill for several weeks before her death. The funeral was held yesterday. Her sister's name and address, in case you want to write, are: Mrs. Alice Gay, Gaysville, Vermont. ✓

Harvey 200⁰⁰

Geo L Paine 50⁰⁰

you and them

Books sent
4/7/39 MK
April 6, 1939

Dear Gross:

It was nice to get your letter of April 4. Under separate cover I am sending you the copies of the books requested.

I am surprised at your statement that the check which you sent as registration fee last summer was never returned. If you have your cancelled checks I would be grateful indeed if you would let me see the endorsement because I was reasonably positive that this check had never been cashed.

So far as the shipment of books sent to Pocatello is concerned, please forget the matter. I understand the situation and do not want to press the matter at all.

I am interested in your suggestion about the possibility of a National Conference of radical religious leaders. My doubt is about the possibility of assembling a substantial group for this purpose. I myself would gladly participate if the date is practicable in view of my travel schedule.

I have not followed the work of the National Religion and Labor Foundation in any detail, but all that I know about it commands my enthusiastic approval. I know still less about the detailed activities of the United Christian Council for Democracy. One handicap attached to my itinerant life is that I cannot follow in sufficient detail these various movements.

I wish that I could see you more often.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Gross W. Alexander
P. O. Box 202
Park Ridge, New Jersey

KP:MK

April 8, 1939

Dear Larry:

I wonder if it would be possible for you to send me a full active list of F.O.R. members throughout the country. I understand that these names are on a stencil and that the cost of running off the entire list is not expensive. I would appreciate receiving the list, and would find it extremely useful as I move about the country.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Laurence T. Hosie
2929 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

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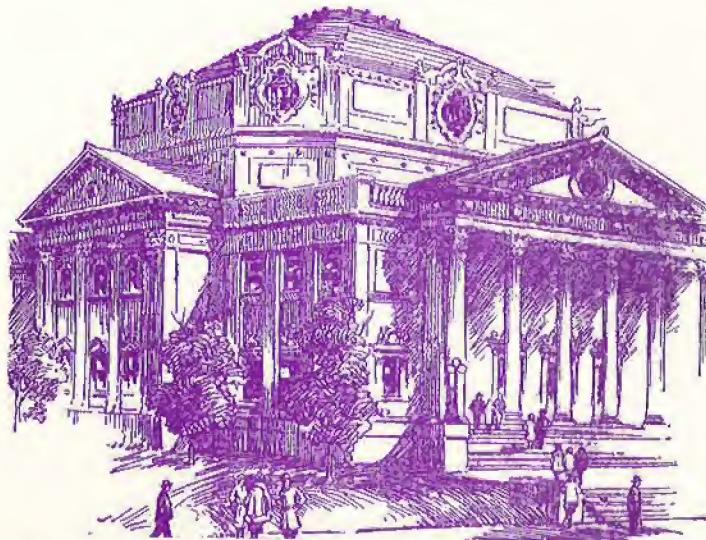
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HOMER W. CARPENTER, Minister

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1939



TODAY

Today, as I come to worship, may there be, deep in my soul, such an assurance of God that every fear and doubt and disturbing thought may be left behind. May there be such a conviction of the primacy of the rights of my soul that I shall delight to open my life to Him in worship. May there be such a love for my church, as the divinely appointed institution of God, that this day will find a new commitment of my life to its work, and may my coming here fit me to find and to honor and to do my task in the name of Christ the Lord.

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Services for Sunday, April 9, 1939

Morning Worship—11:00 O'Clock

SILENT PRAYER 10:57

PRELUDE—"Resurrection Morn"Johnston

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 5

The congregation will please rise as choir enters and
join in last stanza.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 162—"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

QUARTETTE—"I know that My Redeemer liveth".....Fillmore
Mrs. Zurschmiede, Mrs. Gonzenbach,
Mr. Bond and Mr. Holmes.

PRAYER—Congregation seated.

PRAYER RESPONSE

TENOR SOLO—"Angels, roll the rock away".....Scott
Mr. William Bond

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY—"Hosanna"Granier

SERMON—"The Power of the Resurrection"

INVITATION HYMN No. 204—"Just as I am, Without One Plea"

COMMUNION HYMN No. 104—"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

THE LORD'S SUPPER—All followers of Christ, of whatever church,
are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

MEMBERSHIP IN THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We invite those to become members of this Church who believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God, who repent of their sins and accept Him as Lord and Saviour, who publicly confess faith in Him and who obey Him in the ordinance of Christian baptism.

We present no creed but the Living Christ no name but Christian. We hold that the New Testament is a sufficient rule of faith and practice and plead for loyal acceptance of the doctrines and a loyal observance of the ordinances of the New Testament Church.

We seek the unity of the divided house of God, on the basis of a common loyalty to Christ and in answer to His Gethsemane prayer, holding that a divided church is a violation of the will of Christ and incapable of ever accomplishing His purpose.

We are committed through the exercise of practical and vital Christian Discipleship to the divinely given program of Christ for the establishment of the Kingdom of God through the bringing in of a reign of personal and social righteousness in all the world.

EASTER CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tonight we have one of the most beautiful and impressive services of the year. It will open with the candlelight procession of our full Choir and some fifty young people of the Church. We shall hear the Choir and Quartette in a program of music. The voices of the young people will be heard from the pulpit through the service. Miss Madelyn Pulliam, Mr. Tom Crim and Miss Martha Fugett will represent our young people. The culmination of the service and the climax of the day will be the dedication of those who have made the confession in the ordinance of Christian baptism, which will be conducted by the Minister.

SERVING DURING APRIL

The following Deacons have been assigned to serve during the month of April: Peyton B. Bethel, O. B. Coomer, R. Burke Coomer, Allen M. Bond, Clinton H. Gernert, T. B. Duncan, David R. Castleman, Marion F. Beard, William F. Coslow, W. P. King, C. M. Mathis, Wallace Mathis, Warren B. Allison, John F. Edmiston and J. H. Nutter. The Elder serving with the Minister today is E. S. Jouett. Officers serving in the vestibule during April are: Smith T. Bailey, Read Howard, G. H. Schroader and Richard W. Hardesty.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Easter flowers upon the pulpit today are gracious gifts of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ewing in memory of loved ones, of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hikes in memory of loved ones, of Mr. Sam Stone in memory of his mother, and the cross of lilies above the pulpit is the gift of Mrs. Strother Helm in memory of her husband.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

Monday evening, at 7:45, the monthly meeting of the General Board of Officers of the Church. It is highly important that all members of the Board plan to be present in this meeting. From the high tide of Easter it is our purpose to move forward in an aggressive program to Pentecost.

NEXT WEEK

Members of the congregation are asked to continue their personal invitations to those who are prospects for membership. There are many who should come during the succeeding weeks. From Easter to the summer period should be one of the happiest and most significant seasons of the year.

VESPER SERVICE

The young people of the Church will meet for their recreation hour at 5:30, for supper at 6:30 and for a brief devotional meeting before entering the Candlelight Service in the Auditorium.

STATE CONVENTION

Advance announcement of the State Convention is made for Paducah, May 2nd to 4th, 1939. A large delegation from this Church should be in attendance.

SEWING

The sewing activities of the Woman's Council will be continued on next Tuesday, beginning at 10:00 o'clock and lasting through the day.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to those who are bereaved by the loss of Mrs. L. S. Gatewood during the past week.

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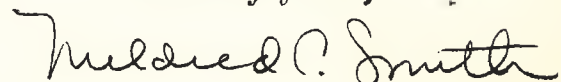
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He is recognized as a most invigorating speaker, and few men of this generation have spoken to as many college students on as many campuses as has been his privilege.

You will be interested in the titles of some of his addresses as given in his folder, and on the back cover are the dates when Mr. Page expects to be in your vicinity. Terms are exceedingly reasonable: He asks \$75 for the day and is willing to speak three times. This permits a Convocation, a class-room talk, an open meeting in the evening, or any other desired arrangement.

May I reserve a date for you? And may I also call your attention to the speakers checked at the left. These have already set the dates for tours into your vicinity next season, and I am ready to make bookings for them at minimum en-route rates.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

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April 11, 1939.

Dear Mr. Page:

We have sent out a good many of your announcements to our Forums and Miscellaneous organizations, and today 200 letters are going out to various colleges and universities for chapel and Assembly talks etc. A bit later on I shall send folders again to the Forums etc. with a special letter then about terms.

Our usual charge for special circularizing is \$6.50 per hundred with a form letter and mailed first-class. But I am going to bill you for the 200 college letters at half-price because of the fact that I called attention to some other speakers in the final paragraph. I thought you would rather have me do this, and give you the benefit of the lower price. What is saved here can be put into extra letters later on.

I expect before the end of this month, organizations will begin laying plans for next year and I trust I shall soon be writing you about some further bookings.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Calif.

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April 11, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page,
Post Office Box, 247,
Lanabara, California.

Dear Kirby:

I have your letter of April 1, 1939, and regret the delay in answering it, but I have been absent from the office a considerable part of the time. We have delayed in sending a check for the books and returning the unsold copies until after our monthly meeting tonight, at which we hope to be able to sell a number of additional copies. You will be pleased to know that the sale of the books was excellent, since we figure that at least one book was purchased into at least thirty families.

We accounted for approximately fifteen books which we received from Syracuse, direct to them, and forwarded the money to them, from whom I assume you will receive a check. This was before your letter, and we consider that this would not muddle your books.

We received the additional books from Farrar & Rinehart, Inc., and will send a check for these, together with the other books which we have sold, tomorrow.

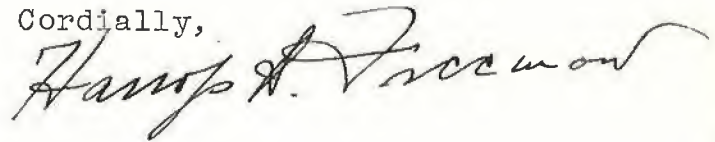
I enjoyed very much the experience with you in March. Right now,

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we are putting forth particular effort on peace action, toward erecting such bulwarks as a stronger Neutrality Law, and the War Referendum. There are a number of people, however, who are becoming more interested, and we hope we can develop this train of thought in the fellowship of reconciliations point of view. All of us who go deeply enough into the question must eventually conclude that the position you urge will be the only one which eventually will solve the problem.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Pennsylvania, in June.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hamp A. Friedman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Cordially,".

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Hatch

Denver, Colorado, April 11, 1939.

Dear Harold:

You will agree that it is of the utmost importance that we obtain a maximum number of affirmations of the Christian pacifist position on the part of clergymen and laymen at this hour of crisis.

There is some reason to ~~maximize~~ believe that by sending a communication to 100,000 Protestant ministers upward of 10,000 such affirmations could be secured. I have therefore prepared a tentative draft of a questionnaire for consideration and improvement.

You will notice that question number 8 is the heart of this proposed inquiry. My judgment is that the procedure would be less effective if we concentrated exclusively upon the affirmation. Do you agree?

If we obtain as many as 10,000 affirmations, we will be able to headline this news in daily papers across the continent.

It will be of extreme value to have the names and addresses of a maximum number of ministers who are Christian pacifists. This information will be of priceless worth in an hour of desperate crisis.

From previous experience there is reason to believe that upward of 20,000 replies will be received. The task of handling this mass of answers is formidable, but I am willing to assume responsibility for it if this seems desirable.

The total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000, perhaps slightly more and perhaps slightly less. Knowing of your passionate concern about increasing the number of Christian pacifist ministers, I am led to hope that you will be ready to assume a major share of this expense. As you know, personally I have no income beyond meager earnings from speaking and gifts from a small circle of friends. It is therefore literally impossible for me to provide the funds required for this important project.

I hope that you will talk this over with Nevin and other friends and give the matter earnest prayer. The most that all of us can do during these tragic days will be all too inadequate.

Morning, noon and night I am making the pacifist appeal. Within the past two months I have spoken in 14 different states and will touch 10 more on the present trip.

With the utmost eagerness I shall await your reply to this suggestion.

Cordially yours,

Kirby

April 19 - Manhattan, Kansas, State
Agricultural College,
care Dr. A. A. Holtz.
April 25 - Columbus, Ohio, State
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April 11, 1939.

Dear Nevin:

The enclosed copy of my letter to Harold Hatch is self-explanatory. Better read it before continuing this letter.

If this inquiry can be financed, it will do a world of good, of that I am convinced.

Please ask Harold and a small group to give serious consideration to this project. What changes in the questions should be made? Are these the proper signatories? Who is the best Episcopal bishop with pacifist convictions? And Southern Baptist? McNeil Potat is no longer in the south.

Would it be possible to persuade Buttrick, Chalmers, etc. to help raise the required amount?

Do tell me what you think of the idea and pass along suggestions.

Affectionately yours,

April 19 - Manhattan, Kansas

State Agricultural College, care Dr. A. A. Holts

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THE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Both sides of a single sheet

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QUESTIONS CONCERNING WAR AND PEACE

In case you feel unable to take the few moments required to answer all these questions, we earnestly hope that you will give replies at least to

Questions 5, 6, 14 and 15.

There is an obvious advantage in being free to make public your replies to these questions. Of the 19,372 clergymen who responded to the previous questionnaire, 17,700 consented to the publication of their replies. Nevertheless, your answers to questions on this page will be regarded as strictly confidential, and used only for purposes of tabulation, if you will indicate this desire by marking a cross here.....

	Put cross in one column		
	Yes	No	In Doubt
1. Do you favor the immediate entrance of the United States into the League of Nations? Comment: (Additional space on page 4)	10,101	5,987	4,138
2. Do you favor military training in our public high schools and civilian colleges or universities? Comment:	2,579	17,023	973
3. Do you favor substantial reductions in armaments even if the United States is compelled to take the initiative and make a proportionately greater reduction than other nations are yet willing to do? Comment:	15,985	3,260	1,294
4. Do you believe that the policy of armed intervention in other lands by our Government to protect the lives and property of American citizens should be abandoned and protective efforts confined to pacific means? Comment:	15,593	2,723	2,152
5. Do you believe that the churches of America should now go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war? Comment:	13,997	4,638	2,012
6. Are you personally prepared to state that it is your present purpose not to sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant? Comment:	12,904	5,208	2,503
7. Could you conscientiously serve as an official army chaplain on active duty in wartime? Comment:	8,534	8,014	3,779
8. Do you regard the distinction between "defensive" and "aggressive" war as sufficiently valid to justify your sanctioning or participating in a future war of "defense"? Comment:	7,517	8,813	3,582

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ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS

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	Yes	No	In Doubt
9. Do you favor the drastic limitation, through the inheritance tax, of the amount of wealth that may be inherited by an individual? Comment:	16,557	1,754	1,742
10. Do you favor the drastic limitation, through the income tax and the removal of tax-exempt sources, of the annual income that may be legally retained by an individual? Comment:	15,780	1,847	2,143
11. Do you favor a system of compulsory unemployment insurance under government administration? Comment:	13,218	2,617	4,064
12. Do you favor national unions of workers (instead of local company-unions) in an endeavor to bring about a more equal distribution of the proceeds of industry? Comment:	11,304	2,567	5,712
13. Do you favor a system of private ownership of banks, under government regulation (instead of a system of socialized banking as a public service)? Comment:	7,200	6,974	5,309
14. Which economic system appears to you to be less antagonistic to and more consistent with the ideals and methods of Jesus and the noblest of the Hebrew prophets?	Mark One		
Capitalism ("rugged individualism" as in the United States prior to 1929)	1,035		
A Cooperative Commonwealth (in which the service motive is predominant in individual life and in all social arrangements)	18,324		
Comment:			
15. If you favor a cooperative commonwealth, which political system seems to you to offer the most effective method of achieving this end?	Mark One		
Drastically Reformed Capitalism.	10,691		
Fascism—as in Italy.	111		
Communism—as in Soviet Russia and as represented by the Communist Party of the United States.	123		
Socialism—as represented by the Socialist Party of America, or by a new and more inclusive socialistic alignment, in which the present Socialist Party would be included.	5,879		
Some Other Political System—If so, name and describe briefly.	1,695		

Comment: We have tabulated the answers to questions set forth in 20,870 Questionnaires sent to us by Mr. Kirby Page. Answers not indicated by cross or check mark in the space provided, but containing comments, were tabulated as "In Doubt". Subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that the above summary correctly sets forth the results of the tabulation made by us. APPEL AND ENGLANDER, Certified Public Accountants.

January 1, 1934

Dear Brother:

A total of 19,372 ministers responded to a questionnaire on war and peace which was sent out about three years ago. Not merely nation-wide, but world-wide publicity was given to a summary of the replies received. At the present moment of international crisis when ominous preparations for another great war are being made, it is imperative that the voices of clergymen be heard. And so we earnestly hope that you will take the few moments required to answer the questions which follow.

Because of the value of discovering the trend of ministers' thinking on economic questions, we are including several questions concerning economics and politics.

As promptly as possible, a summary of the replies to this questionnaire will be released to the religious and secular press, and a comprehensive analysis made available in a booklet.

A few weeks hence we plan to publish suggestions for a nation-wide series of meetings of ministerial unions and other religious groups for the purpose of studying a summary of the replies to this questionnaire and of formulating a more adequate program of action in local communities.

Sincerely,

S. Parkes Cadman
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Edward L. Israel
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It is highly desirable, but **not necessary**, that your name be signed. If you prefer to remain anonymous, you may have the summary of the replies sent to a post-office box or a street address. In any case, however, please **indicate your denomination or communion** for classification of the replies

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Name Position
(Pastor, Rector, Bishop, Superintendent, Professor, Seminary Student, Etc.)

Street Address City and State

Name of Local Church Served Number of Members
(or Theological Seminary, if now a Student or a Professor)

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
EAST COAL AVENUE AT BROADWAY
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

O. R. WARFORD, Minister
Res. 626 South Walter Street

April 11, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
Cosmopolitan Hotel
Denver, Colorado.

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Dear Kirby:

Well I didn't quite make it with your chapeau. By the time I located it and got back to the station the train was about fifty yards up the track, so since I'm not built for springing I decided to mail it to Denver in preference to running there with it.

Everyone agreed that it was great stuff. Since the Dean and Dr. Marble had burned their fingers on a meeting with Sherwood they were happily content with the meeting both as to spirit and size. Actually I expected a few more than came.

Now as to finances: I enclose herewith the four Colorado tax tokens in the collection! They are all yours, and blessings with them! The collection amounted to 17.18, to which the Rabbi, the Dean, Marble and I are adding each a dollar. I think it will take most of my dollar for postage. As soon as I mail the books and hat I'll get a check on it and enclose it herewith. Books sold amounted to \$8.00, and the rest are being sent to you at Ba Habra. Sorry things didn't turn out better financially. We'll do better for you when you come to Greeley!

- You will be interested in the fact that Jean and Don (the young people who dined with us) want to use your books for discussions in their group. Thank God! I have been trying to get something intelligent into the discussions for a year, but the program chairman is a nice, dumb young thing who is most lovable..... Well if they will discuss your stuff I will forgive you for all the cracks you make about me, in addition to all you will think up from now until we meet again. It was known in earlier days of the church as the sale of indulgences!

I'm a bit ashamed that we didn't do better by you in getting more contacts, and more money, but as I said we'll see you in more hopeful surroundings next time.

Thanks again,

Jack ✓

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52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

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Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

April 11, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
c/o Professor Lucius F. Reed
Boulder, Colorado

My dear Kirby:

Thanks for your good letter. I also am sorry that we meet so seldom.

My health seems to be quite restored after spending a few weeks in Florida in rest and exercise in the open, semi-tropical sunshine. There was some slight trouble with my back and I do not yet know what it was but it seems alright now. I have just taken two weeks of meetings in the colleges of North and South Carolina, speaking twice a day and without difficulty traveling three, four, and five hours sitting in an automobile or journeys of equal length in day coaches by train. My general health seems perfect; speaking does not tire me and I think I may count my health normal now.

Instead of returning to a furious pace of speaking two and three times a day six days a week in the colleges in the autumn, I think I will take fewer and more important engagements and allow one agency, probably Feakins' Bureau, to book my appointments, enabling me to take without charge speaking engagements in neighboring colleges.

At present I am writing on two new books and hope to send you a copy of my last, which is appearing shortly, published by Willett Clark & Company under the title REVOLUTIONARY CHRISTIANITY, and by Victor Gollancz, The Left Book Club, in England, under the title CHRIST AND REVOLUTION. The American edition is the better and more carefully edited.

We are going ahead with plans for the European Seminar. I am not expecting war in Europe this year unless Hitler is behind Mussolini in his drive on Albania to drive an opening wedge to dismember Yugoslavia on the north and capture Greece on the south. That might occasion war but it strikes me as very unlikely. The first move toward peace was made by Mr. Chamberlain in signing an alliance with Poland which seems to me to indicate that Mr. Chamberlain is disillusioned and repentant--though he dares not say so--for his tragic mistake in betraying the republics of Czechoslovakia and Spain.

There is only one thing that can save Europe from war as I see it and that is a firm alliance between Britain and Russia. Poland is not sufficient as an ally--Britain cannot aid her in case of attack. Russia, on the other hand, has a reserve army of eighteen million trained and efficient troops. Her fighting power is unimpaired by the purge in my judgment after careful inquiry last summer in Russia. A firm defensive alliance between Britain, France and Russia as major powers, Poland, Roumania, Turkey as minor powers would save Europe as Hitler, Mussolini, and Japan--all in desperate economic straits--would not dare attack this strong alliance, but until Russia is brought definitely into the alliance Europe will not be safe.

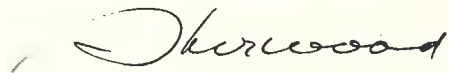
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As you know, I am not able to maintain the position of absolute pacifism either in reason or in conscience. I believe that there are two right positions, that of pacifist or absolute idealist, and that of the relativist, realist, pragmatist. Both are right. We need some pacifists if they are genuine and sacrificial of the character of Gandhi or the late Dick Shephard. They will disturb the conscience of the rest of us. As I see it, we must do two things: We must stop Hitler now in his trampling march to power, conquering all weaker nations in his reach. That can only be done by an alliance between Britain and Russia with other powers. Second, we must stop war and these two classes will both be needed if war is to be stopped with or without another World War.

I am not expecting war this year and am planning on going abroad. Our Seminar includes the capitals which are the hot spots of Europe: London, Berlin, Warsaw, Moscow, Bucharest, Budapest, Vienna, Prague, and Paris. I am now shut out of Berlin, Vienna and Prague in the Greater Germany, so it makes travel difficult for me, having to take some journeys by plane around or over Germany.

Do you agree with me on my interpretation of Mr. Chamberlain and on the peace and war issue?

Ever yours,



E/M

2533 N. 46th St., Milwaukee Wis.

My dear Mr. Page:

We will be delighted to have you in our city on May 7 and 8, and hope to provide worthy audiences.

As Adult work chairman for the Council of Churches, I am caring for your meeting on Sunday evening May 7, at 8 P.M. in St. Mark's Church.

Both at this and other meetings during your visit - and at our Adult Work Conference on April 27 - it would be very desirable to have copies of some of your recent pamphlets on the "Baptist social issues" - that we might sell at our literature table. We would appreciate

Thanks.
(Include list of publications)

Cordially,
L Earl Jackson

San Francisco State College

San Francisco, California

April 12, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Cal.

Dear Mr. Page:

We are delighted over the fact that you are to be our commencement speaker on May 26th--and a little amazed at administration approval!

Now we would like a title for your address and some publicity material that you may have available, including a mat for our college paper if you have one. — sent.

Our commencement will be held in the San Francisco Opera House and it will probably be well filled. Your address will be 30-35 minutes in length (Not a minute over 35, President Roberts said). There will be two student speakers--valedictory responses. The student speakers would appreciate ^{now} some idea of the trend of your remarks, but this is not necessary.

You should know that our college is primarily a teacher training institution. Most, but not all, of the graduating class will be receiving teaching credentials and will expect to teach in the elementary schools of California next year. Others take a general Liberal Arts degree. Our splendid Music Department will give some musical numbers on the program.

You should know, too, that this is a state supported institution and is so carefully secular that I sometimes despair. Many Catholics, some Jews, and many nonreligious people will be present and among the graduates. Oh, it will be good to have you present to urge upon that great audience (3500 at least) and upon the graduating class the challenge of the confusion and problems of our day. I am myself deeply concerned about the apathy and cynicism so prevalent among many even of our finer students. Two students with among the highest aptitude rating of the college recently told me that frankly they saw no purpose in life and that they themselves had no life-purpose. I am handing you the job of awakening and challenging such students!

I will write you later about other possible engagements here. I have not yet heard from the Commonwealth Club.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred G. Fisk

May 76

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April 13, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
Cosmopolitan Hotel
City

Dear Friend:

I was unable to find the printed copy, in wall motto form, of the quotation to which I referred this noon so I shall have to give it to you by letter.

In the case of ex parte Milligan in 71 U. S. 107 at page 126 the United States Supreme Court, speaking through Mr. Justice Davis, in answer to the plea that in order to preserve the nation it was necessary to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, said:

"A country preserved at the sacrifice of all of the cardinal principles of liberty is not worth the cost of preservation."

I hope that this will be of use to you as it has been to me.

Fraternally yours

Carle Whitehead

CW-M

April 30 P. M.

405 Spruce Street,
Dowagiac, Michigan
April 13, 1939

Dr. Kirby Page
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page: I am writing to you in the interest of a group of Disciple churches in southwestern Michigan. We are holding a mass meeting of these churches on Sunday evening April 30th, at Dowagiac; we note that you are to be in Kalamazoo on Friday evening the 28th and Mr. DeGroot tells me that you are speaking in Chicago on Sunday morning of the 30th.

Now, it is just a nice ride of a couple hours, via the New York Central from Chicago to our cross roads of the furnace industry, and we are wondering if we can prevail upon your time and strength to ask you to come and speak here on the night of the aforesaid meeting. Mr. DeGroot of Kalamazoo, Mr. George H. Wilson of Benton Harbor and I are responsible for the speaker, and we should be more than pleased if it is possible for you to come to our meeting. Mr. DeGroot has said that you do not make a direct charge, but I am sure that we could offer you \$20.00 for the evening. I know that that puts this in the class of missionary work on your part, but, like Macedonia of old, we are still asking, "Come over and speak to us."

I am enclosing an addressed, stamped envelope for you reply, and hope that the word will be favorable.

Sincerely,

Morris H. Pullin

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April 15, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page,
P.O. Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I do wish I could write a real letter, but I want you to know of some plans that will interest you. The quickest and best way to understand what we are "up to," is to read through the enclosed lead article in WORLD EVENTS for March 15th, and then the mimeographed notice to editors attached to the enclosed release. This stuff almost exactly describes where the project stands. We are pretty certain, provided there is any Europe left to go to by then, of leaving here July 3rd. We shall probably have our headquarters in Belgium.

Will you make a note of our address? In the event that you don't hear anything to the contrary in the next few weeks, we should be addressed after July 1st in care of the American Express Company, Brussels.

Are you going to be around New York at any time between now and the end of June? If so, I would appreciate your tipping me off to the date. I shall be traveling a whole lot, but if I am not away from here at that time, I certainly would make a big effort to get in to N.Y.C. to see you again.

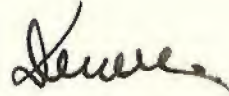
I hope your family are all pretty well. Jean, as you know, is happily married and has a daughter - a beautiful little thing, if her grandfather does say it!

Shirley comes out of high school this June, and will probably go with us. We plan to take besides Marie, myself and Shirley, our editorial secretary, Alice Barry, and supplement our work as much as need be by employing at times, clerical help on the other side. We shall probably settle down most of the time in Brussels, which is cheap to live in and yet easily accessible to the three important capitals, Amsterdam, Paris, and London. But we are planning things so as to be rather adaptable to changing conditions, as one must. We really hope that we

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can do a fruitful job in this way. It seems as though we ought to.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lewie", written in dark ink.

SHERWOOD EDDY

52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

April 19, 1939

Dear Kirby:

I feel certain that Mr. Eddy never wrote to thank you for the excellent photograph, which came some time ago. In an attempt to be a good secretary, therefore, I shall take it upon myself to do so, as he is in the office practically none of the time.

He was very much pleased to receive the picture and it has taken its place on top of his bookcase - right next to Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln!. In fact, it rather eclipses Washington!

I will remind him that he hasn't written you, but I know you will understand if, in the press of things, it is forgotten. We are getting ready to leave for Washington for the Seminar, and he is in the process of writing two books. We have about 70 or so signed up for the Seminar, and I think it is going to be a good program. We certainly wish you could be there. If there's any chance at all, remember that it's April 24-28.

Yours,

Barbara

The University of Chicago

The University Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 19, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
247 - Post Office Box
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I am sending this letter to you airmail today because I have no address for you except this one in California -- and it is important that we hear from you by April 25. Can you send me by that date your subject for Sunday morning the 30th, for our radio and other publicity -- and also a scripture lesson of about 10 verses, which a student will read.

Chicago will go on Daylight Saving Time that very morning, and it is important that you plan for that change of time, in case you are reaching the city on any close connection. Our service is at 11:00 a.m. D. S. T., and will use that day the enclosed order. I shall share the service with you, taking everything but the sermon if agreeable to you.

Our service is broadcast over WGN from 11:00 to 12:00 only, and has a very wide hearing throughout the central west. The exigencies of this radio arrangement make it important that you have finished the sermon by 11:55. You will be preaching not later than 11:25, and probably a minute or two earlier; so that you can count upon 30 minutes clear at least, and perhaps more, depending on the music. You will need to allow, however, for the fact that in this large Gothic building a given address takes from three to five minutes longer than in a smaller and more intimate place. A gown is provided for your use in this office.

You will be the guest of the University at the Quadrangle Club at 1155 E. 57th St., for whatever part of the weekend it may suit your convenience to stay there. You should sign your own name as visiting preacher in the dining room. Geraldine and I hope very much that your other engagements will let you come home for dinner with us following the service. You will be free to go as soon as you wish after dinner. If there are any students or members of our faculty whom you would like to meet at dinner, we should be happy to invite them. Meanwhile, we look forward greatly to your presence with us again, and hope for a bit of a visit.

Always yours,

C. W. G.

Charles W. Gilkey

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4 o'Clock.....Recreation Center
"What Shall We Do With Germany, Italy and Japan"
 8 o'Clock.....Recreation Center
"Religious Contribution to an Age of Social Crisis"

THURSDAY

10 o'Clock.....College Auditorium
"The Isms---A Plea for Intelligent Action"
 12:20 o'Clock.....Recreation Center
"If Democracies Take Up Arms Against Dictatorship"

SHERWOOD EDDY

52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

April 20, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
c/o Mr. Rolin Moser
Bluffton College
Bluffton, Ohio

Dear Kirby:

Let me thank you for the excellent photograph just received and placed in my office. I have had another taken, a glossy print, unmounted, for Feakins who will have exclusive placing of my dates beginning next fall. It will mean that I will have fewer and higher paid engagements. He does not object to my filling in between dates in colleges at low fees or without charge.

We go to Washington for our American Seminar April 24-29 and I am preaching for Cossaboom in North Canton on the last Sunday of this month. My health is excellent and seems completely restored.

I wish we could meet some time.

Ever yours,

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Mr. Kirby Page
LaHabra, California

Dear Kirby:

We have heard indirectly that you are going to be in town on May 10 to speak at George Williams College in the morning. I am wondering if you would consider the possibility of two other engagements on that day.

The first - a ministers' luncheon to follow up the Canon Raven ministers' luncheon which was a discussion of how the Chicago ministers can get beyond the dilemma which prevents them from uniting on a method against war. We had more than forty leading ministers out at that time, and had a most significant meeting. Gilkey, Tittle, Coe, Bowman, Guthrie, Hume, Hutchinson, Garrison, et al.

Secondly - the South Side FOR group would like to know if you could have a supper meeting with them. They have not stated a subject but undoubtedly it would be in the general field of "What Can We Do About It?"

I regret that I will be on my vacation on the 10th, but before I go I will be assured that both groups are well in hand. I trust you can be with us on the 10th, especially since I have not had the pleasure of scheduling you since EPC days.

Most sincerely yours,

Alva Tompkins

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Mr. Kirby Page,
Wesley Foundation,
Urbana, Ill.

May 12

Dear Kirby:

Mr. LeRoy Day, Chairman of the Conference Committee, is hard at work on preparation for your coming. We have gone carefully over the materials you have sent us and we should like you to do the following for us.

The first session will be held on Friday, May 12th, at our camp on Lake Independence, some twenty-seven miles from the city. We will open with a dinner meeting and follow this program, provided it meets with your approval.

7:00-7:30 Corporate Worship, to be in your hands together with any assistance from faculty or students that you may wish.

At 7:30 we should like your address on "How Can I Gain Deeper Understanding of the Diseases Threatening Civilization?". Following this there would be a panel discussion made up of yourself, students and faculty.

Saturday morning, following the corporate worship, you would give your talk on "How Can I Be The Kind of Person Needed in This Age of Social Conflict?" and this would be followed by a panel discussion.

Saturday afternoon will be left free for recreation and personal conferences.

Saturday evening after corporate worship, your talk on "How Can I Make the Most Effective Use of My Life?". Instead of following this with discussion groups we would prefer to have another panel discussion on which we would have students go into various vocations with faculty and some business and professional men.

On Sunday morning following breakfast we would have the following discussion groups, led largely by faculty men:

- "What Can Be Done Here and Now on Our Campuses?"
- "What Can Be Done Through Personal Guidance?"
- "What Can Be Done Through Organized Religion?"
- "What Can Be Done Through Co-Operative Movement?"
- "What Can Be Done Through Creative Writing?"
- "What Can Be Done Through Education?"

"What Can Be Done In Business?"

"What Can Be Done Through and by Policitical Action?"

At 11:00 A.M. on Sunday we should like you to speak at a regular church service on "In What Ways Can Religion Help Me to Know ~~And~~ to Be and to Do?"

At our camp we can accommodate some over 100 students. We would plan to have approximately one faculty man or woman for each ten students. On Sunday we would invite a larger number of faculty and alumni from the University and participating colleges, engaged in business and professions in the Twin Cities.

Sunday afternoon you could have a quiet time ~~for~~ rest, and Sunday ~~evening~~ back in the city at our own Y.M.C.A. building we should like to bring together those students who had been in attendance at the conference and might wish to sit in our Great Hall and chat informally with you.

Milton McLean has already been in communication with you on the St. Paul plans for Monday.

A supply of your books has reached us and we will have these in the hands of as many students as possible.

We are surely looking forward to your coming and I hope that we can assemble a cross-section of our finest students not only from the University but the surrounding colleges.

Cordially yours,

✓ *Benjamin Schuster*

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Drive Here To Aid Chinese Students

The drive for funds for the Far
Eastern Student Service Fund com-
mittee, which was opened by Miss
Molly Yard, executive secretary of
the committee on April 18, was of-
ficially closed Friday, April 21. The
Y. W. C. A. sponsored the cam-
paign under the special direction of
Elnore Burtchin and the World
Fellowship committee. The desired
quota for Bluffton college had been
set at \$50.

The Far Eastern Student Service
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Dr. Page To Appear At Three Sessions

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY NEXT TUESDAY

Faculty, Students Assigned to Committee Groups

Richard Backensto, junior of Allen-
town, Pa., and chairman of the an-
nual clean-up day program, has an-
nounced the completion of final ar-
rangements. Students and faculty,
working jointly, will begin the day
promptly at 8 o'clock, Tuesday,
April 25. Refreshments will be
served at 10 o'clock without inter-
mission from work. An outside
luncheon on Ropp hall lawn will be
served from 12 to 1 o'clock.

Robert West and Dale Suter will
assist Mr. Backensto in the distribu-
tion of equipment. In addition to
the customary program, plans have
been made for the trimming of
trees on College avenue west of
Lincoln hall and bordering the foot-
ball field.

The committees and chairmen
have been arranged as follows:

Library, Miss Amstutz; Rock Gar-
den, Mrs. Yoder, Miss Brenneman,
Miss O'Brien; Art Room, Mr. Klas-
sen; Whitewashing, Dr. Bauman;
Administration Offices, Dr. Schultz;
Music Hall, Prof. Lantz, Prof. Holt-
kamp; Campus—South of Lover's
Lane and West of College hall drive-
way, Dr. Ramseyer; Biology labora-
tory, Miss Moon; Physics laboratory,
Prof. Beidler; Varsity tennis courts,
H. W. Berky; Trees at South foot-
ball field, W. Motter; Chemistry
laboratory, H. W. Berky; Kitchen,
Mrs. Dean; Home Economics labora-
tory, Miss Ramseyer; Baseball field,
A. C. Burcky and A. C. Schultz;
Track, A. C. Burcky and A. C.
Schultz; Rear tennis courts, Mrs.
Loganbill; Campus—North of Lov-
er's Lane and East of College hall
driveway, Prof. Babione and Dr.
Smith.

Should weather conditions be un-
favorable, plans will be shifted to
Friday, April 28.

Members of the above committees
will be announced and posted on the
bulletin board in College hall.

ON CAMPUS MONDAY

Evening Community Program Is Planned; Neighboring Groups Invited

Dr. Kirby Page, prominent lec-
turer on social and economic prob-
lems, will appear on the Bluffton
college campus to present three lec-
tures on Monday, April 24. He is
on the campus under the auspices
of the college Y. M. C. A.

Bluffton will be one of three stops
which Mr. Page will make in Ohio
on his way from the west coast to
the east. Tuesday he will appear on
the Ohio State university campus
and on Wednesday he will lecture at
Denison university.

A special chapel service will be
held Monday morning at 11 o'clock
during which Mr. Page will speak
on the subject "Why is Civilization
so Desperately Sick?" In the after-
noon he will speak to the Social
Theories class at 1:15 o'clock which
will be open to any student wishing
to attend. Monday evening a com-
munity meeting is being planned.
Neighboring colleges have been ask-
ed to send delegations. An invita-
tion has also been extended to in-
terested people within a radius of
fifteen to twenty miles. Dr. Page
will address the open forum meet-
ing on the subject "What Kind of
World can be Built of the Raw Stuff
of Human Nature?"

Dr. Page has had a brilliant car-
eer as an author, social evangelist,
lecturer and world traveler. He has
spoken in more than 500 colleges
and universities, in hundreds of
churches from coast to coast, and
before an equally large number of
commercial and forum clubs. He is
a prolific writer, authoring 19 books
on international, social, economic,
and religious questions.

This is the second time Dr. Page
has appeared on the Bluffton college
campus. Approximately ten years
ago he was featured as a vesper
service speaker.

—BC—

Rev. Landes Heads Student Aid Study

As another step forward in the
Bluffton college student-aid program,
Rev. Carl J. Landes, of Bluffton, is
now working part time for the col-
lege studying the various project
possibilities adaptable to conditions
at this school.

With funds available for project
use, it has been necessary to make
a comprehensive study of student
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dent body settled back to the comparative peace of another college assembly.

The devotions were read, customary announcements were rendered, and the students were safely within their shells. That is, to all intents they were.

But it was then that the wheels started turning that finally led to the event which has prompted this editorial. The speaker of the morning began to talk. Still, nothing particularly unusual had happened. The subject, those who were interested enough to listen for it found, was about fascism or something. Nothing particularly new about that to State audiences.

The speaker continued. The capitalistic system was explained; rugged individualism was defined; new dealism was partially defended, partially condemned; the menace of fascism was cited; the awfulness of communism was portrayed. State's students were riding subconsciously and very smoothly over the same road that, time after time, they had traveled with speakers on that old platform in College auditorium. All was well.

But then something went wrong. The speaker must have missed a turn! An uneasy tremor ran through the audience. What was this he was saying?

He was dwelling entirely too long on the last of his "isms"—and too favorably. He must be a freak, or a fool—or else tremendously brave. Perhaps he was a Red. At least he was getting attention.

The terrain the speaker was traveling over was new to assembly audiences. The objects on that terrain were seen in a new light. Was this speaker forgetting to shrink with terror at the word "socialist?" Was he actually questioning that it was but another red devil? Was he serious in all this sacrilege?

Most of Kansas State's students warmed to the novelty of the occasion. Others looked down their noses. Excitement rippled through the crowd as the speaker was evidently approaching his climax. Would he take back all he had said? Or might he actually leave his audience with both socialism and a pleasant taste in its mouth? Surely he would back down a little.

A note of utter sincerity crept into the speaker's voice. It became obvious he wouldn't back down. Then the climax. The crowd waited. The speaker hesitated—or did he falter? Clearly and solidly came the "I choose Socialism."

An electric shock went over the crowd. The old auditorium stage tried to shout its protest. The fogies looked down their noses. The students broke into uproarious applause.

—R.F.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

HORRORS!

Kansas State's complacent student body attended a college assembly yesterday morning. Or rather, part of that complacent student body—perhaps the least complacent of all—attended an assembly.

Now nothing was particularly unusual about the students going to the assembly—to the contrary, both in numbers and in attitude it looked like it was to be, well, just another assembly. The girls glee club performed and sort of livened things up for awhile, but as the vocalists filed back to their seats Kansas State's stu-

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La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby,

The Blue Ridge Bulletin has just come and I am excited to find your name listed as one of the speakers for this summer. Are you to be there any time near July 8-10? Our Fellowship Conference is scheduled for that week-end, and we would be thrilled if you could be with us. We could, however, plan a conference for one day, or afternoon, any other time that you could give while there. Dr. Weatherford himself suggested that we have Fellowship speakers at Blue Ridge any afternoon during the summer that we could get them, as afternoons are free there, and we could reach a fine number of people who would be there already besides those who would come especially for it.

You will be interested to know that your conference at Lakeland, Florida has had good results in continuing activities. I got back yesterday from a trip to Florida, where group meetings were started in Lakeland, St. Petersburg, Jacksonville and Gainesville.

In this I am enclosing \$5.00 for "Religious Resources" and the other three books. In Lakeland I enjoyed morning prayers with the Austins for which they used a particularly timely passage in "Religious Resources".

Sincerely,

Constance Rumbough.

Constance Rumbough.

Is this in payment for a
set she got at your meetings?

Democracy in Education—Education for Democracy

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor



April 22, 1939

Dear Kirby:

Many thanks for your letter of March 25. From my conversations with faculty men I am dubious that they would have invited you to take a permanent position in any case. But I wish they might have at least made a gesture in that direction.

I certainly feel they should have asked you about the possibility of lectures another year. Confidentially, I can tell you that I think they will invite Muste to give some lectures next year.

I am sure that you would have enjoyed contact with Dr. Tweedy. I am glad that you think well of Liston Pope, but I think it would be very desirable if a man of more experience could supplement his services. What I am afraid they will do is engage someone like yourself and Muste for two or three years and then let Pope suffice.

Thank you for telling me about the Oakwood School at Poughkeepsie. I will follow this up.

I am seriously considering devoting my time to free lance work in the next few years. I do want to do whatever I can to make my largest contribution to the dynamic, changing social order which is all about us. I feel we probably are going to be involved in war situations in the next few years.

In regard to Newark, I do not want anything said publicly because I do not wish to get the President in any difficulty. I can tell you that I was engaged to be head of the Department of Human Relations. I had a board of outstanding men, including university presidents, such as Hutchins of Chicago and Graham of North Carolina, in all about twenty outstanding national leaders.

Two days before I was to come to Newark I received a message from the President of the University that half his Board of Trustees threatened to resign if I came. He

therefore met me in New York and said that if he went through with the contract it would mean he would be ousted from the University. I did not want to injure him in any way and therefore did not press the matter. Of course, Newark had financial obligations to me which they met, although I reduced the amount of my yearly salary somewhat.

I was able to secure copies of the photostatic material used against me by the business interests in bringing this situation about at Newark. I found that they were not libelous, merely stating that I had favored the recognition of the Soviet Union in 1926, that I was President of the American Federation of Teachers, affiliated with organized labor, that I favored President Roosevelt, and that I had stated that communists in the United States were manufactured not so much by paid propagandists as by business leaders who exploited their workers and paid starvation wages.

I think most of the sociologists of the nation would have agreed with every statement and fact that was recorded against me there, but to certain reactionary business interests who feel that even President Roosevelt is a communist, I was, of course, far too dangerous.

Let me know if you have any suggestions as to ways and means by which I can act in a free lance capacity. Of course, I take in a certain amount through my lectures and writings, but would be getting no subsidy as I believe you received from Sherwood Eddy in the early days when you started out.

Please keep this letter confidential.

Cordially yours,

Jerome Davis p.

Jerome Davis

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SIGNED IN PROF.
DAVIS' ABSENCE.

(Program Continued)
3. VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS
 Presbyterian Church
 Mrs. Elizabeth Slade, presiding
 "Handwork: Its Uses and Limitations"
 Mrs. Myron C. Settle
 "Getting An Early Start and Conserving Results"
 Rev. Myron C. Settle

4. ALCOHOL EDUCATION
 Presbyterian Church
 Mrs. C. C. Ham, presiding
 Mrs. Ella Fowler and Mrs. Agnes D. Hays will continue the conference of previous day and bring much helpful guidance to "Temperance Superintendents" and Teachers.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 25th, 1939
 Methodist Church

1:30 Worship, led by Capt. A. S. Moyer
 1:50 Special Music
 2:00 Address: "A National Weekday Church School System" Dr. W. Dytr Blair
 2:40 Announcements
 3:00 WORKERS' CONFERENCES:

1. FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

Methodist Church
 Mrs. J. F. McNaughton, presiding
 Worship, led by Mrs. J. F. McNaughton
 Address: "How Do We Plan and Carry Out a Unit of Work?" Miss Edith Welker
 Discussion
 Interest Groups, with Displays and Opportunity for Question Asking.
 Music ----- Mrs. Gordon Boody
 Pictures ----- Mrs. E. J. Wildish
 Creative Activities -- Mrs. J. F. McNaughton

2. FOR WORKERS WITH YOUTH

Christian Church
 Mrs. Roy Fiske, presiding
 Worship, led by Rev. W. F. Beatty
 Address: "What is Personal Religious Living for Young People and How Can the Youth Leader Make it Challenging?" Dr. James S. Chubb
 Discussion
 Address: "What is the Christian Youth's Duty in Case of War?" Mr. Leon Thomson
 Discussion

3. FOR WORKERS WITH ADULTS

First Baptist Church
 Miss Pauline Ritner, presiding
 Worship, led by Rev. A. Fitch
 Address: "Christian Education Needs the Help of Adults" Dr. Glenn McRae
 Discussion
 Address: "Adults and Personal Christian Living" Dr. James S. Chubb
 Discussion

(Program Continued)
4. FOR OFFICERS, COMMITTEES OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, etc.

Presbyterian Sunday School Room
 Worship, led by Rev. C. W. Love
 Address: "The Superintendent and His Work" Dr. Glenn McRae
 Discussion
 Address: "The Work of the Committee of Religious Education in the Local Church." Rev. R. R. Hodges
 6:00 P. M.—Banquet of Christian Youth, Methodist Church
 Glenn Cunningham, Speaker

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 25th, 1939
 Christian Church

7:30 Worship, led by Rev. E. E. Tillotson
 7:50 Special Music
 8:00 Address: Dr. Glenn Cunningham
 8:20 Address: Dr. W. Dyer Blair
 8:50 Special Music
 9:00 Address: "Guiding Our Youth" Dr. E. D. Staples
 9:35 Closing Ceremony

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Entertainment:
 This will be provided in private homes if desired at reasonable rates. Good hotels and restaurants at fair prices.

Offerings for State Work:
 Sunday schools are asked to kindly send their offerings for State Sunday School work to the Convention. The Kansas Council depends on individual Sunday Schools to help support its work. If you will secure a check for \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or more and bring it to the Convention, it will be called for and mentioned at the proper time.

PROGRAM

**74TH ANNUAL
 STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL
 CONVENTION**

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Auspices
KANSAS COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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**KANSAS
 Northeast Regional Sunday School
 Convention
 ATCHISON**

**APRIL 23rd, 24th, 25th
 1939**

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Theme:
 "What Price Christian America?"

PROGRAM

SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 23rd, 1939
MEMORIAL HALL

Mr. Elwood Brooks, presiding
Worship, led by Rev. E. E. Tillotson
Congregational Singing led by Mr. Ralph Fletcher
Address of Welcome and Presentation of Key to City by Mr. August Seng, City Manager
Special Music — Combined Choirs led by Mr. Evan Tonsing
Business
Congregational Singing
Address: "The American Dream" Rabbi Samuel Mayerberg
Benediction

MONDAY FORENOON, APRIL 24th, 1939

Methodist Church
9:00 Worship, led by Rev. Hubert L. Sparks
9:20 Special Music
9:30 Business and Announcements
9:45 Address: "This War Hysteria"

Mr. Leon Thomson
10:15 Introduction of Conference Leaders
Secy. Myron C. Settle
10:30 SPECIAL INTEREST-GROUP CONFERENCES:

1. THE FINE ARTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Church
Mrs. Roy Fiske, presiding
a. "The Use of Drama in Christian Education" Rev. Samuel Hedrick
b. "The Crafts in Christian Education" Prof. John P. Simoni
c. "Music in the Church School" Rev. Eugene Frank

2. WEEK DAY CHURCH SCHOOLS

First Baptist Church
Miss Pauline Ritner, presiding
This Conference will be led by Mrs. Ethel D. Higby, and will consider the practical problems by which a community is confronted in setting up a Week Day Church School system.

3. VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

Presbyterian Church
Mrs. Elizabeth Slade, presiding
a. "How to Organize for a Successful Vacation Church School" Rev. Myron C. Settle
b. "New and Better Methods of Teaching in the V. C. S." Mrs. Myron C. Settle

(Program Continued)

4. ALCOHOL EDUCATION

Presbyterian Church
Mrs. C. C. Ham, presiding
a. "Why the Sunday School Needs to Teach the Evil Effects of Beverage Alcohol" Mrs. Ella Fowler
b. Discussion, Demonstration, Literature, etc. Mrs. Agnes D. Hays

5. CONFERENCE OF UNDERSTANDING

First Baptist Church
Dr. William I. Hastie, who will preside, will introduce a Presentation and Panel Discussion in which Rabbi Samuel Mayerberg, of Kansas City, Father O'Neill, of Ottawa, and himself will participate, with a view to deepening understanding and friendliness between Jews and Christians.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 24th, 1939

Methodist Church
1:30 Worship, led by Rev. S. A. Hamrick
1:50 Special Music
2:00 Address: "The Spiritual Frontiers of Society" Dr. James S. Chubb

2:45 Announcements

WORKERS' CONFERENCES:

1. FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. J. F. McNaughton, presiding
Methodist Church
Worship, led by Mrs. McNaughton
Address: "Aspiration, Preparation, Consecration" Miss Edith Welker
Departmental Conference:
Nursery—Beginners
"Religious Interpretations of The Summer Experiences of the Pre-School Child." Mrs. B. B. Blackford
Primary
"New Appreciations of Bible Children" Mrs. E. J. Wildish
Junior
"The Junior and His Church School Lesson" Mrs. Gordon Boody

2. FOR WORKERS WITH YOUTH

Christian Church
Mrs. Roy Fiske, presiding
Worship Rev. W. E. Beatty
Address: "Making Prayer Real to Young People" Dr. James S. Chubb
Discussion
Address: "Helping Youth to Have a Will to Peace" Mr. Leon Thomson
Discussion

3. FOR WORKERS WITH ADULTS

First Baptist Church
Miss Pauline Ritner, presiding
Worship Rev. C. W. Love
Address: "What is the Christian's Duty in the Event of War?" Mr. Leon Thomson
Discussion
Address: "The Family as a Christian Unit" Dr. Glenn McRae
Discussion

(Program Continued)

4. FOR OFFICERS, COMMITTEES OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, etc.

Presbyterian Sunday School Room
Mrs. Elizabeth Slade, presiding
Worship, led by Rev. C. W. Bowles
Address: "The Need of Trained Teachers" Rev. R. R. Hodges

Discussion
Presentation: "The Preparation of Leadership Training School Instructors"

Rev. Claude DeWitt
Rev. Claude DeWitt will be available for conferences by those who desire to discuss the technics of setting up Leadership Education Schools and getting Instructors accredited.
Place: Presbyterian Sunday School Room after above conference adjourns.
Discussion

5:00 RECEPTION to out-of-town delegates
Baptist Church Parlors

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 24th, 1939

Christian Church
7:30 Worship, led by Rev. C. W. Bowles
7:50 Special Music
8:00 Special Features
8:30 Address: "What a Christian May Believe About God" Dr. James S. Chubb
9:15 Special Music
9:25 Play: "Heaven; When I Die" by Hiawatha Christian Church Group

TUESDAY FORENOON, APRIL 25th, 1939

Methodist Church
9:00 Worship Rev. Louis S. Cupp
9:20 Special Music
9:30 Business and Announcements
9:45 Address: "The Church and the Children" Miss Edith Welker
10:15 Special Feature
10:30 SPECIAL INTEREST-GROUP CONFERENCES:

1. FINE ARTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Church
Mrs. Roy Fiske, presiding
The one-and-one-half hour will be devoted to a continuance of the discussion and practical demonstration of the use of
(a) Drama Rev. Samuel Hedrick
(b) Craft-Work Prof. John P. Simoni
(c) Music Rev. Eugene Frank

2. WEEK DAY CHURCH SCHOOLS

First Baptist Church
Mrs. Ethel D. Higby, presiding
Dr. W. Dyer Blair will be present to discuss such subjects as "Curriculum," "Newer Methods," "HOW A COMMUNITY PROCEEDS TO SET UP ITS WEEK DAY SCHOOL," etc. etc.

P E A C E C O N V O C A T I O N

University Auditorium
April 23, 1939
at 7:30 o'clock

Presiding, Prof. A. C. Callen, Head of the
Department of Mining Engineering
John P. Walsh, Newman Foundation

Quiet and music lend an atmosphere of worship.
Let the service begin for each with silent meditation.

Organ Prelude (beginning at 7:15)
Prof. Frederic E. Stiven, Director of the
School of Music

Violin Largo C. von Gluck
Rachel Smith
Enid Beal at the piano

Address "Shall We Fight for Peace?"
Kirby Page, La Habra, California,
author and lecturer on social,
religious, international, and
economic questions.

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2425 W. 23d St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

April 24, 1939

Dear Mr. Page;

How very good of you, not only to
respond so kindly to my appeal for help,
but to send me your book, too. I look
forward with great pleasure to reading
it, and am sure I'll find it stimulating.

Sincerely,

Helene Mullins

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT
OF THE
MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION
3601 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

April 24, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

I am sorry to have delayed writing to you about your work at the Pocono Conference. I want to thank you for the stimulating addresses which you gave in the Conference, and for the contribution which you made to the Conference discussions.

I am not quite sure of the amount which we should send to you, but in view of the fact that you were there for Saturday evening and a Sunday morning address, am hoping that the inclosed check for \$25.00 is satisfactory. The limit to the check is determined only by the income from the Conference itself.

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Sincerely yours,

Rachel A. Robison
Mrs. Leon R. Robison, Jr.
Regional Secretary

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THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS

Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Mr. Page;

We have delayed writing you in regard to the program during your visit to Ohio State due to the uncertainty of its nature. However, the following schedule has been tentatively set up for your approval: April 25.

10:15 - 10:30 Radio broadcast overcampus station, WOSU.

12:00 - 1:30 Luncheon - informal talk and discussion.
(What will be your topic?)

2:00 - 5:00 Afternoon seminar- 4:00 meeting of mixed group conducted at your discretion.

7:30 - 9:00 Lecture - Topic: "Must the United States Participate in Another World War"?
Commerce Auditorium.

We are in possession of three of your books, Living Creatively, Creative Pioneers, Must We Go to War?

In your reply would you please state the topics of your choice for the luncheon meeting and radio broadcast. Also any unfinished business which must be taken care of.

Arrangements will be completed according to the time of your arrival and departure. May your visit be most enjoyable.

Sincerely yours,

Lucy Lee Bascom - YMCA

Roger Kennedy - YMCA

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION
2929 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 26, 1939

Mr. E. A. Schaal
c/o Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Schaal:

Mr. Hosie wanted me to send you some Prospecta of our Pacifist Training Camp. Mr. Hosie himself is away on a field trip from which he will not return for some weeks. I am therefore sending you under separate cover 25 copies of the Prospectus.

Since the time for the opening of the Camp is drawing dangerously close, we are getting increasingly anxious to have plans as complete as possible. The project involved is working with East Side people here in New York in renovating Union Settlement. These people work in the Settlement in order to pay for a summer camp which they or their children attend. We feel that this Camp will prove a significant experience for all pacifist leaders, and that the training is essential today.

If there is anything you can do from your end to supply us with names of prospects, we should be glad to write them personally. I am sure you will do what you can to help us.

Gratefully,

Alice Stark

(Mrs.) Alice Stark,
Sec. to Laurence Hosie

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Conference headquarters during the time the Conference is in session will be at Walwood Hall on the Western State campus.

DELEGATES:

Yours is a real responsibility as you attend this Christian Conference. You are to be entertained in the homes of the faculty of Western State and Kalamazoo College and other citizens of this college city. We know you will be considerate of your hosts during the time you are here. Each of us will gain most by eager and active participation in the total Conference program. It is unnecessary for us to mention the matter of attendance *on time* at all sessions. The Conference is scheduled rather fully and it will really "click" if we are prompt at all sessions. Be alert to all announcements that may be made from the Conference platform.

CONFERENCE MEALS: The only scheduled meal is the Conference banquet on Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M., in the cafeteria at Walwood Hall. We shall assist any group to the best of our ability in setting up special luncheons during the Saturday noon hour.

KALAMAZOO COMMITTEES: A very able set of committees under the leadership of Dr. H. L. Batts, Director of Inter-Church Student Activities on the Western State and Kalamazoo College campuses, has worked out details locally for our entertainment during the Conference.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Michigan Christian Student Conference



Western State Teacher's College, Kalamazoo, Michigan

April 28 - 29, 1939



Dr. Roy Burkhardt, Columbus, Ohio. Kirby Page, LaHabra, California.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1939

4:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. Conference Registration and home assignment.

8:00 P.M. Conference session Walwood Hall Auditorium.
Betty Burt, Michigan State, presiding.

Song and service of worship.

"Welcome": Miss Geneva Wells, Western State.

Conference address: Dr. Roy Burkhardt, Columbus, Ohio.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1939

9:00 A.M. Conference session, Kalamazoo College Chapel.
Don Smith, Kalamazoo College, presiding.

Song and worship service: Kalamazoo College students.

Conference address: Kirby Page, LaHabra, Calif.

Resume of evening address by Dr. Burkhardt.

10:20 A.M. Discussion groups meeting around these two areas.

12:00 Noon Luncheon (informal).

1:00 P.M. Conference Forums:

Western State Library—Dr. Burkhardt, Leader.

The Rotunda—Kirby Page, Leader.

2:00 P.M. Conference session, The Rotunda—John Field, Albion College, presiding.

Reports of summaries of forums.

3:00 P.M. Ball game—W.S.T.C. vs. Miami University.
(Delegates are guests of Western)

6:00 P.M. Conference Banquet, Cafeteria, Walwood Hall.

Toastmaster: Dr. Russell Seibert, Professor of History, Western State.

Conference singing.

Closing Conference Address: Kirby Page.

8:30 P.M. Adjournment.

How To Register:

Copies of this folder with its registration forms have been sent to interested people on each campus, representing Church groups, Y.M.C.A.,—Y.W.C.A. and College Presidents and Deans. It is planned that a Conference Committee will be formed from these groups on each campus, one of the group to be designated as chairman who will be responsible for mailing in registrations. The registration form must be completely filled out and the fee of \$1.25 mailed in to the Conference Secretary, Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, no later than Wednesday, April 26.

Plan Of Conference:

All visiting delegates are expected to arrive in Kalamazoo late in the afternoon or early evening for registration and home assignment. The first session will commence at 8:00 P.M., and the closing session will be over no later than 8:30 P. M., Saturday night to permit all groups to depart for their respective campuses. A more detailed program draft will be sent later.

Michigan Christian Student Conference

*Western State
Teachers' College
Kalamazoo
Michigan*

*April 28, 29
1939*

Detach here

HOST'S NAME

ADDRESSPh.....

This Conference is being conducted under the auspices of College Y.W.C.A.'s,—Y.M.C.A.'s, and Church groups on College Campuses.

MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN STUDENT CONFERENCE

A Call To Christian Students



KIRBY PAGE,
LaHabra, Calif.

"My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"—is the cry of many Christians in the world today. Beaten down, persecuted and often facing slow or sudden death in the lashing fury of moral, social, economic and political passions, Christians are having their faith put to the test. Our own country is not free from these terrors which are loose in the world today.

What is there in Christianity that causes Christ to "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" well-knowing that it means crucifixion; that sends Niemoller to Sachsenhausen; that sends Kagawa preaching "Love" to a nation at war?

What is there in this same Christianity that causes Christ to say, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and to set such high standards of marriage purity?

What is needed to make both our home-life and our citizenship in the world at large more Christ-like?

How can we as students develop the attitudes and the skills which will help build the Kingdom of God out of the man-made chaos of our post-war world?

How can we develop faith in the purpose of life as revealed in Jesus so that we can steadfastly set our faces to the future before us?

These are the questions around which the Student Christian Conference is convening and in which all Student Christian groups are invited to participate.

Who May Be Delegates:

College students, men and women, who represent Church groups on campus, Y.W.C.A.,—Y.M.C.A. and other Christian groupings. The Conference is limited, hence, early registration is advisable. Delegates are expected to stay for the full Conference program.

Conference Leadership

Two nationally known platform men, Kirby Page of California and Dr. Roy Burkhart of Columbus, are our Conference guest speakers. Members of College faculties will also serve as discussion leaders and as resource persons in many of the groups.



DR. ROY BURKHART
Columbus, Ohio.

Cost:

The registration fee of \$1.25 which includes the banquet on Saturday night, April 29 and the program fee is the only Conference cost. Friday evening lodging and Saturday morning breakfast will be provided by Kalamazoo people. **If you desire to stay with friends or relatives in Kalamazoo make your request known on your registration form.** The only other cost will be transportation and noon day luncheon on Saturday.

Detach here

Registration Form

Attached find fee of \$1.25 as registration for the Michigan Christian Student Conference, April 28, 29.

NAME AGE.....

College Address

Home Address

Your College Yr. in College.....

Representing Church

Y.W.C.A.

Y.M.C.A.

I do (not) need entertainment over Friday night or I have arranged to stay with—

.....
Chairman, Promotion Committee on Campus

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Christian Student Conference
Kalamazoo, Michigan - April 28 - 29

4:00 - 7:30 P.M. Friday

Registration and home assignment

8:00 P.M. - Opening session, Walworth Hall, W.S.T.C., Kalamazoo, Mich.
Song Service and Devotions

ADDRESS - "A Religious Philosophy for This Day" - Kirby Page,

9:15 P.M. - Fellowship hour - in charge of local committee.

SATURDAY - April 29

9:00 A.M. - Song service and devotional - Kalamazoo College Chapel

9:30 A.M. -

10:15 A.M. - Series of discussion groups around questions in the addresses
of Dr. Burkhardt and Mr. Page

12:00 Noon - Luncheons (Church groups - Y.W.C.A. - Y.M.C.A. groups)

1:00 P.M. - Forums - Western State Teachers College campus, led by Dr. Burkhardt
and Kirby Page.

2:00 P.M. Combined session of the two forum groups

3:00 P.M. - Baseball game W. S. T. C. and Notre Dame

6:00 P.M. - Banquet, Walworth Hall

Music - Walworth Hall

Conference Address - "This Present International Crisis".

NOTE: This program is tentative and subject to some revision by the Program
Committee.

P.S. Return your postal card stating probable number in your delegation just
as soon as possible.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

VOL. II, No. 5

APRIL 28, 1939



BANQUET ISSUE



GOD AND MAN

AND IN FAVOR WITH

IN WISDOM AND STATURE

AND JESUS INCREASED

Editorial, "On Growing Up"

In our modern social organization, when a person speaks of "growing up", he may be referring to anyone of several important phases in the process of attaining maturity. For the human being is a very complex organism, with many sides to his personality, and in order to develop properly, the individual must grow not only physically, but mentally and emotionally as well. Each is of equal importance. For the fullest possible development of the individual the responsibility lies first of all with Nature, who supplies the physical endowments, the mental capacities, and the emotional traits. Given these as a foundation, it is then the responsibility of the person himself, by using the raw materials given to him, to build upon it to the best of his ability through careful attention and training, and through experiences and impressions gained from the world about him.

There are many persons among us today who, because of failure to observe closely changing conditions in their everyday lives, and through failure to train themselves along the proper lines, have attained physical maturity without sign of having grown up socially, which entails certain degrees of mental and emotional growth. To be sure many of them are without the talents and innate qualities necessary for such development, but I am sure that in respect to a few of these persons with whom I am acquainted, it is a case of pure neglect and carelessness. There is simply no excuse for the normal

Editorial

boy and girl, who has reached high school age, continue in the thought patterns and actions of third-graders. We are men and women now, and it is our duty to assume our places in society as men and women. Now that we have "come of age" much more is expected of us, and we must assume our responsibilities with some degree of effort. It may be difficult at first to discard habits and ideas that we have lingered over from the time when we were in grade school, but a little common sense will give most of us that social poise and dignity which are so sadly lacking in some of our young people today.

Growing up religiously is another important phase in the process of growing up which should not be neglected. Too often young people do not look at religion with the right attitude but are inclined to be humorous toward it almost to the point of cynicism. Religion should give us a broad philosophy of life, an ideal for better living, more wholesome life, and above all a deep sense of toleration for the opinion of others. Religion isn't a joke and therefore should be regarded seriously. Many of us have gotten the idea that the church is a place for social gatherings and as a place in which idle hours may be passed when there is nothing better to do. Fundamentally the Church is a place of worship, and the sooner we get over our adolescent conceptions and foolish ideas concerning religion the sooner may we begin to build and grow up religiously.

Editorial

Of course, in order to develop into normal men and women and to take our places in the existing social order, we must grow in all other ways as well. We must develop our natural talents and abilities, interlace them into the dynamic and living personalities which are ourselves. It will take the most diligent effort on our parts and many months of real work, but in the end I believe that we will be met with success and that we will have truly grown up.

Scott Burkham

On To Dowagiac

On Sunday, April 30, there will be no evening meeting of the Disciples Guild here in Kalamazoo so that those who wish to go may attend the Four-County Rally to be held at Dowagiac. Heading a very excellent program will be Kirby Page, of La Habra, California, who has also been engaged as our speaker at the banquet this coming Friday evening, April 28. Those wishing to go should meet at Reverend A.T. DeGroot's residence on Academy Street at 4:00 P.M.

MENU

Tomato Juice Cocktail

Swiss Steak

Mashed Potatoes

Peas

Salad

Hot Rolls

Coffee

Desert

"Growing Up"

Toastmaster-----Scott Burkman

Song, "God is Love"

Return of Thanks-----Lillian Harrison
Bill Cree

Dinner

Welcome-----James Ledden

Songs-----Reo Brink

Adams Trio

Toast, "Growing Up-Up to Now"-Byrnece Rogers
Grand Rapids

Toast, "Growing Up-From Now On" --Marian
Woodman

"The Evolution of a D. G.'er" --Harold
Sugden

Duet-----Mary Lea Biastock
Wilford Harmon
Benton Harbor

Address, "Religion in an Age of Social
Crisis"-----Kirby Page

Friendship Circle-----"Pick"

O God, we praise thy holy name,
God of Love, O God of Love,
Our gratitude we here proclaim,
Hand to hand, and heart to heart,
For every gift, for every friend,
For fellowships that never end -
Our hearts their songs will ever blend,
God of Love, O God of Love.

SERVICE FOR OTHERS
Tune-Moonlight and Roses

Service for others
The slogan for Christians should be
Helping each comrade
The challenge for Jesus to see
Sharing our blessings
Brings worthy ambitions anew,
Service for others
Brings joy deep and true.

Tune - Reuben, Reuben

_____, _____, you're a dandy
And when you're old and grey
We will all say, "Yes by Thunder,
You were some boy in your day!"

TAKE ALL OF MY LIFE
Tune-Take Time to be Holy

Take all of my life, Lord,
Take perfect control
Each hour and each moment,
Mind, body, and soul,
Use all of my life, Lord,
That others may see
Thy truth and thy likeness
Reflected in me.

SMILES

Verse-1

There are smiles from Benton Harbor,
There are smiles from Bangor too,
There are smiles from Paw Paw to Ann Arbor,
From Grand Rapids and to Kalamazoo,
There are smiles all over this great nation
In whatever group your foot-steps fall,
But the smiles that come from this our
 banquet
Are the smiles that are best of all.

Verse 2

There are smiles that come from Sturgis
There are smiles from Battle Creek
There are smiles from Bloomingdale and
Dowagiac
Where the goals are at the highest peak,
There are smiles from Pickerill and Scotty,
Kirby Page and "Doc" and "Dimples" too,
But the smiles from Larry's latest girl-
friend
Are the smiles that do win and woo.

The Snooper

You all know the old saying of "a young man's fancy in the Spring, turns to Love". I believe it is so with the maidens too. As I have been sleuthing around these past few weeks, I've found some very interesting proofs.

It seems that Hazel is all aflutter. It's all about this Lake Odessa "Man".

We have heard that a certain ex D.G songstress (she still sings in choir) is engaged to a sandy haired guy from the South.

Another musician seems to have quit coming to D.G. Could it be because of the departure of that "Stove Man"?

Spring really must be here or sum'pin, for who should we see but the Three Musketeers out wading in Milham Park. And certain young men passing in a roadster seemed to think it very okay.

Spring also brings out the sleepiness in some people or was it just staying out too late that caused all the snores in the "Gang" Sunday night when they were out ridin'?

Just what were M.L. and H.K. doing Mon. nite, runnin' all around town in slacks and chasing down Theta Chi Delta Boys?

Just In case

A banquet without "Rick" and his usual whistle.

We minding our own business the snooty.

Scottie not telling us he won't yell that it's about time to eat. Oh, you haven't heard it! Well, it seems that there were three hungry men out on a desert. They were very hungry, when-----you'd better get Scottie to finish it, we don't dare.

Reo Brink not having to study.

Not getting a cup of Dimples' coffee after Board Meeting.

Linda not blocking someone's move in Chinese Checkers.

Larry has a job and is really working (so he tells us).

Spring is actually here to stay. At least it had better be after this announcement

Willie Francoise isn't lost, Strayed or stolen for he was at D.G. last Sunday p.m. My, my, what all doesn't come out with Spring.

We can soon go swimmin' if the weather keeps up.

How J.L. would get along without Betty Fran. or vice versa.

518 Hillcrest Avenue
East Lansing, Mich.
April 29, 1939

Dear Mr. Page,

I thought I would write and tell you how happy and grateful the Peace Committee was at your being here on Thursday. The Committee was really inspired by your lectures, and we are going to try to sponsor two panel discussions before the end of the year.

I do hope that you weren't too tired for your Kalamazoo lectures, as I know we took a lot of your time.

I am enclosing the press reports of your lecture, in case you would like to have them. I have had many people tell me how fine your lectures were, and pledge their support to a peace movement.

We all enjoyed your visit very much and hope that you can come back again soon.

Kindest regards from Mr. Gennie, the Committee and myself,

Lois Gurley.

The Westminster Church

Wade Park and Addison Road
Cleveland

Robert Colman Grady, Minister



Florence Ledbetter, Choir Director

Arthur J. Seith, Organist

April 30, 1939 Third Sunday after Easter ten forty-five
The Order of Divine Worship without announcement

"I like the silent church before the service begins" Emerson

ORGAN MEDITATION "Traumerei" - Op. 15 - 7 Schumann
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 145 (stand) "When morning gilds the skies"

CALL TO PRAYER

INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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ANTHEM

"Fear Not Oh Israel"

Fanning

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* A READING: "Journeys"

(from A Primitive Gospel)

A PERIOD OF DIRECTED PRAYER and PERSONAL MEDITATION

HYMN 573 (seated)

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire"

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THE WORSHIP BY OFFERINGS with DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY - SOLO

"The Publican"

Van de Water

by Dorothy Ledbetter-Lippitt

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE
SERMON

St. John 5:1-9

"Possibilities Unlimited"

PRAYER AFTER SERMON

A HYMN INTERPRETATION

HYMN 298 (stand)

"Glorious things of thee are spoken"

BENEDICTION and CHORAL DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Largo"

Handel

*The meaning of this is derived from: Lk. 8:1-8; Lk. 9:1-6,
10:1-20; Lk. 9:10-17; Lk. 9:18-36. Next Sunday's Reading on
"Love as a Duty".

Presbytery having designated this Sunday as the day for "MY
SHARE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY", Session calls attention to
the Information Bulletin, with offering envelope, in worship
pers' hands; with the reminder that in 1934 when General As-
sembly met in Cleveland only \$9.00 was contributed by West-
minster toward the expense of that Assembly.

Members are asked to remain after Benediction for an announce-
ment. Campaign Workers meet in front pews following this.

CALENDAR

Today 3:00 Junior Society, Junior Room.
8:00 Joint meet of Young People, W.M.C.F., Bro.
Rm. Others welcome. Subject, "Religion and
Life" by Mr. Cornelius Scheid.
Monday 7:30 Scout Troop 141, gymnasium.
8:00 Philathea Class at 734 E. 95 St.
Wednesday 7:30 Trustees meet in Brotherhood Room.
Thursday 10:00 Ladies' Aid at 8015 Decker Ave.
6:30 Junior Choir.....8:00 Adult Choir.
Friday 6:00 Junior Hobby Club, Brotherhood Room.
8:00 Special meeting Fidelis, Junior Room.
8:00 Golden Rule Class, Brotherhood Room.

OTHER EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomorrow at 11, Old Stone parlors, PRESBYTERIAL. Mrs. Sidney Vernon, devotionals.....CLEAN-UP WEEK begins tomorrow. See bulletin board.....Tomorrow at 7, Schauffler College, Miss Fay Bennett, nat'l. staff member of YOUTH COMMITTEE VS. WAR, meets interested young people. See Mr. Grady if you can attend.....Next meeting CHURCH SCHOOL COUNCIL and WORKERS' CONFERENCE moved up to May 10, since May 15 chosen for PARENTS' NIGHT FOR SCOUTS.....MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET May 12..... Church Council at its recent meeting unanimously endorsed its member-organizations saving SALES TAX STAMPS and asks groups to cooperate by turning in same to Mrs. Russ, 8015 Decker Ave.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY PRESBYTERY IN MEETING OF APRIL 18

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Pastor, Officers and People of the Westminster Church be given our heartfelt gratitude for their hospitality, kindness, courtesy, and material provisions for our physical welfare at this Annual Meeting of the Presbytery."

SESSIONAL ACTIONS AS OF APRIL 23, 1939

APPOINTED Elder Earl Arrison to assist at the Lord's Supper at General Assembly's opening and Elder D. H. McGregor as contact man to promote Men's Fellowship Dinner of the Assembly..... REQUESTED PASTOR to hold Communicants' Classes four Sundays preceding each Communion in church study from 10-10:30..... RULED that any young person being received into the Church in the future must attend each of the four instruction-periods preceding reception.....GRANTED REQUEST of Adult Choir to allow its members to renovate Custodian's Office (to be used by ladies of choir) and Men's Room, for usage on Sunday mornings and at other times when needed.....REQUESTS Choir members to use Wade Park entrance in future that no disturbance be made of class using Philathea Room.....URGES COOPERATION of each member regarding turning in sales tax stamps to Mrs. Russ, the money from such to be set aside for future church-wide usage.

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April 30, 1939

Mr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

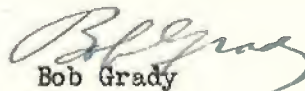
With profound apologies for not acknowledging your note of January 11 and with further apologies for having written so illegibly that you had to get Carl Voss of Yale Divinity to forward your letter to me.

I am located as per this letterhead, having come here October 1 and being at present a Stated Supply.

Any time you are in this section of the nation, don't hesitate to save traveling expenses and stay with us. Larry Hosie found our extra three-slat bed was not too much for even a return stay on his part!

I believe that writing the author direct is usually economically the better thing to do. Therefore, I am asking you to autograph your latest book Religious Resources, sending same to me C.O.D.

Cordially yours,


Bob Grady

RCG:DP